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#### Nation

Methodist defrocking: A Methodist minister who was defrocked for declaring that she's a lesbian living with her partner is taking her case to a church appeals court.

The Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud, of Philadelphia, was ousted Dec. 2 for violating the United Methodist Church's law against "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" in

the clergy. She decided last week to appeal but delayed the announcement until after Christmas weekend. Notice of appeal must be filed this week.

She said one factor in her decision was something retired Bishop Joseph Yeakel, the judge who presided at her church trial, said to her after the verdict. Veakel told Stroud, "The day will come when the church apologizes for this decision.'

#### World

China and Taiwan: China lashed out at Japan on Monday for allowing former Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui to visit the country despite threats from Beijing that it could damage ties between the Asian rivals.

China sees Lee, who arrived in central Japan's Nagova city Monday for a weeklong visit, as a symbol of Taiwan's independence

Lee, 81, made no remarks on his arrival, but waved to a cheering crowd of more than 200 Taiwanese living here.

Pinochet indictment: Chile's Supreme Court has postponed until after New Year a decision on whether to uphold the indictment and house arrest of Gen. Augusto Pinochet on human rights charges, a judge reported Monday.

No reasons were given for the postponement, but two justices of the five-member panel are on vacation for the last week of the

Pinochet, 89, remained at his suburban Santiago, Chile, mansion Monday recovering from a stroke he suffered Dec. 18

Munch theft: Police questioned a suspect for the first time in the bold robbery of two Edvard Munch masterpieces, but declined to say Thursday how close they might be to finding the missing paintings.

len in a brazen daylight raid from an Oslo museum on Aug. 22 by three masked rob

Middle East peace: Palestinian men wave as they and others are greeted by friends and relatives Monday after being released by Israeli authorities at the Tarkumiyeh checkpoint near the West Bank town of Hebron. Israel released 159 Palestinian prisoners Monday, most of them with only months or weeks left of their sentences, in what Israel called a "gesture to the new Palestinian leadership." Meanwhile. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he would seek final Cabinet approval to his Gaza Strip withdrawal plan by February, months ead of schedule, officials said, Lawmakers also quoted Sharon as saving Israel will use harsh force if Palestinian militants try to disrupt the pullout.

ings, although Norwegian media have reported that one painting, "Madonna," may have been seriously damaged

Oslo Assistant Police Chief Iver Stensrud confirmed that a man was brought in for questioning Wednesday in connection with the theft. The man, whose name was withheld was released but was still considered to be a suspect. Stensrud said.

Philippines' Estrada: Former Philippine President Joseph Estrada arrived in Hong Kong on Monday for knee surgery, and he promised that he would return to his country to face corruption charges.

Estrada looked relaxed in a denim jacket, ieans and sunglasses as he made his first visit overseas since being ousted amid massive anti-corruption protests in 2001. He has been under virtual house arrest at his holi-

day home east of Manila The 67-year-old former film star told rereigning empress, an official said Monday the government's first review of a post-World War II law that limits imperial succession to men.

Japanese law bans women from ascending to the Chrysanthemum Throne. But no boy has been born to the Japanese royal family since the 1960s, and government officials have been fretting about how to solve the royals' most serious succession crisis in centu-

Karzai's Cabinet meets: Afghan President Hamid Karzai held his first Cabinet meeting on Monday, urging his ministers to avoid nolitical intrigue and work together for the future of this war-battered country

Karzai swore in the new Cabinet last week, brushing aside several warlords in favor of professionals with university de-

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# Most Pacific troops accounted for after quake

#### Some were vacationing in Thailand; PACOM readies for possible humanitarian mission

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Strings

TOKYO — In the aftermath of a deadly earthquake that rocked the Bay of Bengal and slammed much of southeast Asia with tsunamis, U.S. personnel in the Pacific began accounting for those on vacation in devastated areas and gearing up for possible humanitarian assistance operations.

A couple from Misawa Air Base, Japan, on vacation in Phuket, Thalland, survived the massive waves, said Toshi Muto, manager of Night Flight, a travel agency outside Yokota Air Base, where the couple booked the tickets. He spoke to his clients Monday morning in Thalland.

"They were at the beach," he said. "They are getting out of the country today."

Many Americans from military communities in the region had booked flights from on- and off-base tour operators to Thailand and India, according to employees at agencies in South Korea, mainland Japan, and Okinawa

As of Monday, not all had been reached and accounted for.

At least 10 people from Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, were thought to be in Thailand and India, both on leave and on duty, said Maj. Mike Paoli, 18th Wing spokesman. Those not yet contacted don't appear to be traveling in affected areas, he said.

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Two tour groups from TT at Camp Zama, Japan, were accounted for in Bangkok, according to employees who checked on them through tour operators in Thailand. No casualles have been read and the same according to a U.S. Army Japan spokesman (Fig. 2).

Three people from Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan, vacationing in Thailand, are safe, a base spokesman said.

Marines on Okinawa said responsibility for checking on individuals is left to individual units. The number of personnel in Thailand and their status was unavailable Monday, according to a Marine spokeswoman.

U.S. Forces Japan spokesman Gunnery Sgt. Bob Hall said there is no central system for checking on U.S. personnel.

"USFJ doesn't have operational control over the other forces here. We don't track



People look at a submerged truck in the entrance of a supermarket Monday at Patong Beach in Phuket, Thailand. U.S. installations in the Pacific began accounting for vacationing servicemembers Monday who may have been staying in affected locations.

leave for all the other commands," he said.

The quake and aftereffects did not damage any U.S. Naval ships or assets, according to a 7th Fleet spokesman.

man.
Also on Monday, U.S. forces in the Pacific began planning in the event servicemembers are asked to

conduct humanitarian assistance.

If the Department of Defense pledges its support, the Pacific Command will be ready to respond, an official

said.
"We are identifying resources available that can be utilized to provide the assistance required in the appropriate time and fashion," said Army Lt. Col. Bill Bigelow, PACOM spokes-

Large-scale military disaster assistance is rare in the Pacific, but not unprecedented. Earlier this month, more than 600 Marines, sailors and

airmen from Japan and Okinawa helped the Philippine government move aid supplies to communities devastated by mudslides and flooding following two tropical storms and a typhoon. The assistance came at the Philippine government's

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Hall said no official request has come to USFJ for

Hall said no official request has come to USFJ for humanitarian assistance as of late Monday afternoon. If USFJ personnel are called on to help, word should arrive "by mid to end week," he said.

Staff writers Franklin Fisher, Dave Ornauer, Jennifer Svan and Fred Zimmerman contributed to this report.

# Japan system should give advance tsunami warning

BY CHIYOMI SUMIDA Stars and Stripes

Japan's seismic experts said Monday the country has a warning system in place that could outrace even lethal tsunamis like the ones that slammed southeast Asia on Sunday.

If everything goes as planned.

Fumio Imamura, a tsunami engineering expert and professor at Tohoku University Graduate School, said an offshore temblor similar to Sunday's quake would cause a major disaster in Japan.

"Far worse causalities would be expected because most of the major cities in Japan are located along the shorelines," he said — as are U.S. Naval bases Yokosuka and Sasebo and Marine and Air Force facilities on Okinawa.

"But, on the other hand," Imamura said, "a disaster prevention system has been established in Japan."

The country carefully calibrates the location and strength of earthquakes, to be able to give advance warning of the lethal, giant waves they trigger, called tsunami.

"As long as the system works as it should, the damage could be largely reduced," Imamura said. "Should one step go wrong, however, the casualties could be far worse" than

the Indonesian disaster.

The epicenter of Sunday's 9.0 quake, among the strongest ever recorded, was west of Sumatra in the Indian Ocean. It was estimated to be from 310 miles to 621 miles long, said Assistant Professor Nobuyoshi Tsuji, University of Tokyo Earth-onake Research Institute.

"If it happened in Japan, the seismic center would stretch from Tokyo... all the way to Aomori," Tsuji said. He likened the earth-quake's impact to two major quakes striking Japan at the same time.

Japanese seismic experts estimate chances of a major earthquake striking along Japan's Nankai and Tonankai fault lines sometime within the next 50 years at 80 percent, according to the Central Disaster Prevention Council of the Cabinet Of-

An earthquake along the Nankai fault could produce tsunami waves that would reach the Kansai district's Kii Peninsula within 10 minutes. Tsuii said.

He said tsunami waves travel about 434 mph, as fast as a jet plane, at a depth of about 2.5 miles, the average depth of water in the world's oceans

"The Meteorological Agency monitors earthquake and tsunami activity at 300 points throughout the country," Tsuji said, adding that once a tremor is registered, the agency immediately calculates whether a tsunami is expected to follow.

Imamura said the projected death toll for a major quake along the Nankai fault line is 7,000 to 8,000 peo-

He said any earthquake stronger than a 6.5 magnitude on the Richter scale, with a seismic center less than 24 miles below the surface, could produce tsunami waves. The power of tsunami "is like a huge truck, which is running at 30 to 40 kph (up to 25 mph) when it hits you," Imamura said.

"There is no way any house, not to mention a human being, can sustain the impact," he said.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said a tsunami warning can be broadcast in less than five minutes.

"We can issue the warning or caution within three to five minutes should any tsunami be forecast to hit Japan," said an official at the agency's Disaster Prevention Infor-

mation Center.

The information would be given simultaneously to major media, prefectural and municipal governments be said

"In Sanriku district, where tsunamis are frequent, water gates at every port will be closed when a warning is issued," the official said. "It may not be possible to completely eliminate any casualties, but it is possible to largely reduce them."

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# Navy base in Indian Ocean spared tsunami damage

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — A Navy support facility located near the center of the Indian Ocean was spared any damage from Sunday's devastating ocean surges.

Officials said the Diego Garcia Navy Support Facility, which houses about 1,700 military personnel and 1,500 civilian contractors, suffered no damage related to Sunday's earthquake and ensuing stumanis. Personnel at the facility's billeting office contacted by Stars and Stripes on Monday reported no problems over the weekend.

Diego Garcia, the southernmost island in the Chagos Archipelago, sits about 1,000 miles south of India and roughly 2,000 miles from the earthquake's epicenter.

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But officials in Somalia, whose coast is nearly 3,000 from the earthquake's center, reported more than 100 deaths in coastal areas as a result of tsunamis.

Carolyn Bell, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Geological Survey, said even though an earthquake like Sunday's will radiate destructive waves in all directions, the damage caused by the water differs greatly depending on the undersea topography.

She speculated that the numerous coral reefs may have dissipated some of the waves' impact on the British-owned island,

residents might not necessarily notice.

She said residents of coastal areas in Aus

tralia reported no effects from the earthquake, even though researchers know the sea levels there rose several feet. Diego Garcia is a horseshoe-shaped is-

Diego Garcia is a horseshoe-shaped island about 39 miles long, surrounded by coral reefs on all sides. Its highest point is only 22 feet above sea level.

Both Naval and Air Force personnel are stationed on the island. The facility was used to support and launch strikes against Iraq in the first Gulf War, and was used for strikes against the Taliban and al-Qaida in Afghantstan, and again in 2003 for strikes in Iraq.

The Navy has eight ships active in the Indian and Pacific oceans; officials said none reported any damage from Sunday's disaster.

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# Asia piles up dead as toll tops 22,000

The Associated Press

GALLE, Sri Lanka - The carnage from an earthquake driven tsunami that devastated coastlines from Asia to Africa doubled to more than 22,000 dead Monday, and rescuers struggled to deliver aid to the hardest-hit areas, raising fears about the spread of disease as bodies rotted on tropical beaches.

Offers of aid poured in from around the globe, but millions of people remained homeless and thousands were still missing a day after the disaster. The number of dead was expected to keep rising as workers reached remoter regions and the sea washed up more corpses.

U.N. undersecretary-general Jan Egeland, who is in charge of emergency relief, said the disaster could be the costliest in history, "probably many billions of dol-

More than 12,000 people died in Sri Lanka, nearly 5,000 in Indonesia, and 4,000 in India The International Red Cross which reported 23 700 deaths, said it was concerned that waterborne diseases like malaria and cholera could add to the toll.

Dazed tourists evacuated the popular island resorts of southern Thailand, where the Thai-American grandson of revered King Bhumibol Adulyadej was listed as one of more than 900 people dead. Scores more died in Malaysia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, the Maldives - and thousands of miles away in Africa.

Officials in Thailand and Indonesia officials conceded that immediate public warnings of monster waves could have saved

The only known warning issued by Thai authorities reached resort operators when



from massive tsunami that struck Sri Lanka's coastline leapt to more than 12,000 on Monday.

it was too late.

In a scene repeated across the region. bodies were still coming in Monday evening to the hospital in Sri Lanka's south ern town of Galle - one of the worst-affected areas of the hardest-hit nation

A tractor carried about 15 corpses of mostly women and children, some wrapped in white plastic sheets. A large crowd had gathered at the hospital trying to learn if their missing family members

"The toll is increasing," said Brig. Daya Ratnayake, a military spokesman. "We are

finding more bodies. The 20-foot-high waves smashed into seaside towns and resorts, sweeping away boats, homes, hotels, fishermen and holi-

daymakers. At the Thai island resort of Phuket, the torrents pulled a 6-month-old Australian baby from her father's arms.

A large proportion of the victims were youngsters, and funerals were held for chilwith the fury of the sea. Ted Chaiban, chief for the United Nations Children's Fund in Sri Lanka, estimated that nearly half the

victims there were children. Banda Aceh, a city of 400,000 people, is the nearest population center to the epicen-ter of the quake and was virtually unique in being destroyed by the temblor - the world's most powerful in 40 years - rather than the floodwaters. At least 3,000 people

The Indonesian and Sri Lankan governnts declared national disasters, as did the Maldives, a low-lying string of coral atolls where three feet of water pushed into homes in Male, the capital, on Sunday and resi dents spent a night fearing the waves would

died

Indonesia and Sri Lanka had at least a milon people each driven from their homes. Helicopters in India rushed medicine to stricken areas, while warships in Thailand steamed to island resorts to rescue survi-

About 200 people were evacuated from devastated Phi Phi island, one of Thailand's most popular destinations for Westerners.

Witnesses in Thailand described seeing waters disappearing away from the beaches in the minutes before the waves struck.

Britain and Italy each confirmed that 11 of their citizens had died in Thailand, Norway confirmed 10 dead, Sweden had nine, with hundreds unaccounted for, the United States confirmed eight dead, France and Denmark confirmed three, and Australia, Belgium, South Africa two, Finland con firmed one.

U.S. officials were seeking to contact hun dreds of Americans who remain unaccounted for in the region, and European countries set up hot lines for family members and sent diplomats to aid stranded countrymen.

# U.S. sends disaster teams off to nations

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The United States dispatched disaster teams Monday and prepared a \$15 million aid package to the Asian countries hit by a massive earthquake and tsunamis. U.S. officials were seeking to contact hundreds of Americans who remain unaccounted

Secretary of State Colin Powell said eight Americans died and that embassy officials were trying to locate other U.S. citizens who have not been heard from since Sunday's quake.

"We will do everything we can to immediately help," he said.

The U.S. Navy said it sent three P-3 surveillance aircraft from Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, to Utaphao, Thailand, to conduct survey operations, including a possible role in search-and-rescue efforts. The Navy said it had no reports of damage to any of its ships or

bases in the region. The U.S. Pacific Fleet "is examining what else they may be able to

do in this situation," Powell said. President Bush expressed his condolences over the "terrible loss of life and suffering "As of now, we don't detect any large impact on the U.S. military."

White House deputy press secretary Trent Duffy said Monday from the president's ranch

U.S. officials immediately sent \$100,000 each to India, Indonesia, the Maldives and Sri Lanka, and planned to donate \$4 million later Monday to help Red Cross disaster efforts, Powell said.

The initial U.S. aid package being crafted was expected to reach \$15 million, officials said. Powell cautioned that was a "quick infusion" and that the administration was prepared to help with long-term rebuilding

State Department officials said embassies in the affected countries are still open, and they are working to account for all Americans who may have been vacationing or living near those countries' coastlines.

Officials have created a toll-free hot line for U.S. citizens to get more information on relatives who may have been in the affected areas on Sunday. For Americans outside the United States, that number is (317) 472-2328.

Stripes reporter Leo Shane III contributed to this story from Washington.

# Tsunami warnings inadequate Officials admit they failed to alert public after quake

BY MICHAEL CASEY The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Asian officials conceded Monday that they failed to issue broad public warnings immediately after a massive undersea earthquake in Indonesia, which could have saved countless lives from the subsequent giant waves that smashed into nine countries as far away as Africa.

India said it would consider establishing a warning system, and Australia and Japan said they would help build it. One Austra lian official said it would take at least a year to set one up.

Also, Thailand's Meteorological Department said the country lacked an international warning system and proper coordination to get messages of impending disasters sent across the country.

"If we had the international warning system, we could give real-time warning to people, said Seismological Bureau official Sumalee Prachuab

Governments around the region insisted they did not know the true nature of the threat because there was no international system in place to track tidal waves in the Indian Ocean where they are rare - and they cannot afford to buy sophisticated equipment to build one. And what warnings there were

came too little, too late.

The magnitude 9.0 earthquake shifted huge geological plates beneath the sea northwest of Sumatra island, causing a massive and sudden displacement of

Indonesia villages closest to the temblor's enicenter swamped within minutes, but elsewhere the waves radiated outwards, gathering speed and ferocity until they made landfall. The moving waves topped 500 mph

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Relatives of

# Quake's littlest victims buried

#### Indian kids laid to rest in mass graves

BY S. SRINIVASAN The Associated Press

CUDDALORE, India — The couple laid the body of their daughter in the pit and watched as a bulldozer poured sand over her and she disappeared from their view forever. They then stepped aside for others to bury their children, denied any chance for a service or private mourning.

In a scene repeated dozens of times across India's battered southeastern coast on Monday, weeping and red-eyed parents in Cuddalore held a mass burial for more than 150 children who died in the killer tidal wave

Sunday's tidal wave disaster in South and Southeast Asia killed more than 22,000 people, and an-ecdotal evidence suggests that a large proportion of the victims were children. Associated Press reporters in various places report-ed seeing a high number of funerals for children and teenagers, who just could not cope with the fury of the sea.

In Malaysia, one-third of the 48 people confirmed dead were children and teenagers. Many of the deaths occurred during family picnics by the beach.

Rosita Wan, 30, said she watched in horror as waves carried away her 5-year-old son, Mohamad Adam Aziz, while he was swimming close to the shore on Penang island.

"I could only watch helplessly while I heard my son screaming for help," a sobbing Wan told reporters. "Then he was underwater and I never saw him again."

A Danish group restoring a former Danish fort in Tranquebar in Tamil Nadu near Cuddalore said 300 children and fishermen from the nearby town of Nagapattinam are missing.

"Hundreds of thousands of children in coastal communities in six countries may be in serious jeopardy," said Carol Bellamy, the executive director of UNICEF.

About half of the nearly 400 people who perished in Cuddalore



were children, leaving the town of 100,000 people in bereave-

More than 4,000 people died in various parts of the country, most of them in Tamil Nadu.

According to Hindu tradition, children are not cremated like adults but buried. For the grim task, two pits, together the size of a basketball court half, were dug near the banks of Pennai river on the edge of this coconut palm fringed town — idyllic in parts and congested and grimy in others like most Indian towns.

Most of the children who were between 5 and 12 were buried as they were found — in their Sun-

day clothes without even the luxury of a shroud. The district administration was eager to get the burial — and the cremation of the adults — over quickly so that they could turn their attention to pro-

viding relief for the living.
"There will be a time for crying, but that will come later. Now
the priority is to shelter those
who survived," said fisherman
Akilan, 28, who lost two nephews
when the waves struck their seaside house. Akilan uses only one
name.

One mile away at the town morgue, bodies of young and old lay unclaimed, awaiting identification by relatives. They were victims who were killed by tsunamis mourn Monday at a mass burial site in Cuddalore, India. A massive triggered by an earthquake slammed into southern India on Sunday. killing more than 4.000 neonle and sweeping away boats, homes and vehicles.

called in one by one by doctors on a public address system. Siren-blowing vans brought in

freshly discovered bodies.

Many people came out of the morgue shaking their heads in silence. Once in a while, a heart-rending cry would pierce the buzz of conversation.

"I never thought I would only see my son's body," Venkatesh cried, refusing to even sip water.

He also uses only one name.

Policemen, overwhelmed by other grieving parents, gently asked him to leave.

As one of his relatives pulled him away, Venkatesh kept asking: "How can I go, leaving behind my son?"



# Assassination attempt kills 15 in Baghdad

# Sunni Muslim political party withdraws from Iraq election

44 The security

situation keeps

going from bad

to worse and has

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC

BAGHDAD - In a double blow to plans for a Jan. 30 parliamentary election, a suicide car bomb aimed at the head of Iraq's strongest Shiite party killed 15 people Monday, and the largest Sunni Muslim political grouping

announced its withdrawal from the campaign for the Jan. 30 elections, citing the rapidly deteriorating security situation. The suicide bomber tried to

drive his car into the gate of the residence of Abdul Aziz al-Hakim, head of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq — the country's most powerful Shiite political party. He detonated his explosives when guards blocked his way. Fifteen people died and at least

50 were wounded in the explowhich

sion, shook the Jadirivah district and sent a cloud of smoke high above the area Capt nolice Ahmed Ismail

Thirty-two on the cars street were destroyed or damaged. Al-Hakim was not hurt Al-Hakim also

heads the candidate list of the 228-member United Iraqi Alliance coalition, which is widely expected to dominate the postelection constitutional assembly and play a key role in formulating Iraq's new national charter. The coalition is backed by Iraq's top Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali

Just hours later, the leader of the moderate Sunni Iraqi Islamic Party announced that the group had reversed its earlier decision to take part in the elections

"The security situation keeps going from bad to worse and has to be dealt with," said Mohsen Abdel-Hamid

The two events underline the difficulty of holding credible national elections — the first free ballot since the overthrow of the monarchy 46 years ago - amid the instability caused by the escalating armed insurrection.

The prospect of attacks and intimidation had led senior Sunni political and religious leaders to call for a postponement of the vote until the insurgency is brought under control.

The Iraqi Islamic Party said its decision to pull out of the race does not mean that it would not take part in a future ballot.

"The party's desire is to take part in the future, should the requirements for its success be available " it said

Party Secretary General Tarek al-Hashemi acknowledged that the withdrawal will leave minority Sunnis under-

represented in the assembly but noted: "We believe when a house is on fire, you should first put out the fire before working decorating

to be dealt with. and arranging Mohsen Abdel-Hamid Shiites comprise about 60 Sunni Iragi percent Islamic Party leader

Irag's population with Kurds and Sunni Arabs making up 20 percent each. Many in Iraq and abroad fear the legitimacy of the election would be compromised if the Sunni community refrains from voting.

Shiite leaders also have been sharply critical of the U.S.-led response to the insurgency, saying the Iragis themselves would have been more effective in countering the mainly Sunni rebels.

Political and religious leaders of the Shiite community, who strongly back the holding of next month's vote, have been repeatedly targeted by the mainly Sunni Muslim insurgents since the ouster of Saddam Hussein.

#### U.S. deaths in Iraq three; Estonia, Thailand and the

As of Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at least 1.323 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,034 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military ci-

The AP count is seven higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Thursday.

The British military has re ported 75 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and

Since May 1, 2003, when President Rush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,185 U.S. military mem-bers have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 925 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the 's numbers

The latest deaths reported by the military

■ No new deaths reported. The latest identifications reported by the Defense Depart-

■ No new identifications re-



A guard stands amid rubble in front of the residence of Abdul Aziz al-Hakim, head of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the country's most powerful Shiite political group. A suicide bomber detonated his car at the residence's gate, killing 15 people and injuring dozens, police said. Al-Hakim was unharmed.

Monday's suicide attack was the second on a leader of the party on the same block in the Jadiriyah district of Baghdad. On Nov. 7, a car bomb exploded near the home of Iraq's finance minister, Adil Abdel-Mahdi. One of his guards died but the minister escaned unharmed

Speaking after Monday's blast, al-Hakim denounced the interim government's security apparatus claiming it had been infiltrated by Saddam loyalists

"We hold the Iraqi government responsible for such criminal acts. This government has adopted the same wrong policies that were adopted by the occupation

forces in dealing with security, al-Hakim told Irag's Al-Furat Television. The residence, where Hakim

has his home and office, was previously the house of Tariq Aziz, the former senior aide to Saddam who has been in prison since April 2003. In August 2003, a suicide bomb

er killed Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim, elder brother of Abdul Aziz and former leader of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq. Like his brother, Abdul Aziz Al-Hakim is a Shiite cleric who opposed Saddam from exile in Iran before returning to Iraq

Meanwhile, a U.S. soldier died of wounds Monday and another was injured in a roadside bomb explosion in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, the U.S. military said in a statement.

And in northern Iraq, gunmen shot dead an Iraqi working as translator for the U.S. military, police Brig. Gen. Sarhad Qader said. The shooting of Ali Ahmed took place in the town of Tuz. 105 miles north of Baghdad.

The insurgents have repeatedly targeted translators and other Iraqis working for the U.S. troops in an effort to disrupt intelligence-gathering efforts by the multinational forces



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## IN THE WORLD

# Yushchenko claims victory in Ukraine vote

BY ALEKSANDAR VASOVIC

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine - Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko celebrated his apparently decisive tri-umph in Ukraine's protracted presidential context Monday, thanking protesters who spent weeks camped out in the canital's frigid streets for securing his electoral victory and the nation's freedom.

Three exit polls gave Yush-chenko a 15 to 20 percentage point lead over Prime Minister

Viktor Yanukovych.

But the official vote count gave Yushchenko a narrower lead: With ballots from 98.49 percent of precincts counted by 1 p.m., Yushchenko was leading with 52.29 percent compared to Yanukovych's 43.92 percent.

"Now, today, Ukrainian people have won. I congratulate you," Western-leaning Yushchenko

told a jubi-

lant crowd in

Kiev's Inde-

pendence Square, the center of massive protests following the Nov. 21 runoff that was annulled after allegations of fraud

"We have been independent for 14 years but we were not free," he said. "Now we can say this is a thing of the past. Now we are facing an independent and free Ukraine.'

But Yanukovych had not conceded defeat and Nestor Shufrych, a lawmaker and Yanukovych ally, told reporters the prime minister's campaign would appeal.

Results were trickling in from two regions in pro-Yanukovych territory in eastern Ukraine. Central Election Commission chair-Yaroslav Davydovych man urged election workers to do their jobs. "Put political issues aside. The state is waiting for re-

Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili, whose own rise to power on a wave of peaceful protests in November 2003 inspired Ukraine's opposition, congratulated Yushchenko in a Ukrainian-language message delivered Ukrainian television.

Saakashvili, who attended law school in then-Soviet Ukraine, apparently is first foreign leader to publicly recognize Yushchenko's victory.

Poland's former President Lech Walesa told the Polish news agency PAP that Yushchenko's victory meant that "Ukraine on its road to freedom and democracy made a small move to-

wards Europe." Yushchenko was not taking chances. He called his support ers back out onto Independence Square on Monday afternoon to defend the election victory, if necessary, and asked for their help in what he called the main task facing the nation; forming a trustworthy government.

Sure of victory, Yushchenko backers appeared to be taking a rest after weeks camped out in Kiev. About 5,000 gathered in Independence Square on Sunday night to hear his victory speech, setting off fireworks in celebra-

Earlier, Yushchenko said at his campaign headquarters that Ukraine was beginning "a new political life.

# Alleged bin Laden tape endorses al-Zarqawi as deputy

sults" he said

The Associated Press

CAIRO Egypt - In an audiotane broadcast Monday by Al-Jazeera satellite television, a man purported to be Osama bin Laden endorsed Abu Musab al-Zargawi as his deputy in Iraq and called for a boycott of next month's elections there

The voice on the tape described al-Zar qawi as the "emir" of al-Qaida in Iraq and called upon Muslims there "to listen to

Speaking of a statement last month in which al-Zarqawi declared allegiance to bin Laden and changed his group's name to al-Qaida in Iraq, the voice on the tape called it "a great step on the path of unifying all the mujahedeen in establishing the state of righteousness and ending the state of injustice.

The voice sounded like hin Laden but there was no way to independently confirm who the speaker was.

Al-Jazeera broadcast excerpts of the tape while showing a still photo of the bearded bin Laden, wearing a white robe and head covering.

Al-Zarqawi's group is responsible for numerous car bombings and beheadings of foreign hostages in Iraq.

This was the second tane by hin Laden to surface this month. An audiotape posted on an Islamic Web site Dec. 16 had a man identified as Osama bin Laden praising militants who attacked a U.S. consulate in Saudi Arabia earlier this month and calling on militants to stop the flow of oil to the West.

Bin Laden is believed to be hiding in the mountains along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.





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## Commissary locator highlights Web site change

By Rick Brink richard.brink@deca.mil

FORT LEE, Va. – The "commissary locator," a new drivingdistance calculator and mapping feature on

http://www.commissaries.com. highlights several changes to the Defense Commissary Agency Web site designed to help patrons maximize their shopping experience. The Web site sports a new red, white and blue motif with drop-down navigation menus to give the site a consistent look and operation throughout and to help visitors navigate more speedily. It also gives visitors an option to view Flash animations highlighting features that make commissary shopping so unique and popular among U.S. military service members

"The changes couldn't come at a better time. November marked the first anniversary of unlimited commissary shopping for Guard and Reserve families, many of whom live some distance from a commissary. Our new commissary locator feature will make it easy for them to determine where to shop," said Patrick B. Nixon, DeCA's acting director and chief executive officer.

Visitors use the commissary locator by providing their ZIP code and a driving distance of their choice into data fields on a Web page. The system responds by providing a list of all commissaries within the driving distance. When visitors select a commissary from the list, they're taken to that commissary's Web page that features a link for detailed driving directions to the commissary from a location provided by the visitor. The Dec. 1 launch of the new-look Web site comes four years after it was last changed. The site's content is essentially the same, although it's been organized and presented a little differently in some cases to better present content that's been added in the last four years.

The popular commissary store Web pages, which each of the 272 commissaries maintain themselves to provide the most current local shopping information possible, are still featured under the "locations" navigation button.

Designed with commissary shoppers in mind, the site also serves DeCA employees and its business partners. A new "about us" navigation button serves as the gateway to job announcements, information for employees, information for business partners and as a way to access the online customer comment form. Thanks to the drop-down navigation menus, these popular features are just a click away from the home page.

# Scholarships for Military Children urogram enters fifth anniversary year

By Bonnie Powell bonnie.powell@deca.mil

FORT LEE, Va. – The fifth year of Scholarships for Military Children is now underway. Administered by Fisher House Foundation and funded by the manufacturers and industry supporting commissaries, the program has awarded over \$3 million through nearly 2,000 scholarships to the sons and daughters of active duty service members, Guard and Reserve members, and military retires.

"The Scholarships for Military Children program has become a major community event for commissaries since its inception five years ago," said Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer for the Defense Commissary Agency. "The program awarded 500 scholarships in 2004 and ceremonies were held in commissaries worldwide in honor of these outstanding students. The industry members who support this program should be proud – and we hope the fifth anniversary year will be the best yet!"

Applications for the 2005 program are available at commissaries or online at http://www.militaryscholar.org. A link to the program will be on http://www.commissaries.com, the

DeCA Web site. Eligibility and other information are also available at the program Web site. Applications, which must include an essay on hother the heightened awareness of terrorism has impacted the student's life, are due at commissaries Feb. 16, 2005. At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with outlifted amplicants.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID eard.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2005, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

The scholarship program can also accept public donations at http://www.militaryscholar.org. Wednesday, December 29, 2004

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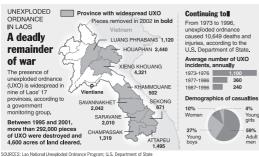
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# U.S. vows to increase aid to Laos for UXO removal

BY FREDERIC J. FROMMER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Three decades after the end of the Vietnam War, the United States is increasing aid to help remove unexploded ordnance that continues to kill people in the former war zone - especially in Laos, where 2 million tons of bombs were dropped.

During the war, the United States bombed Laos relentlessly for a decade in an effort to cut off North Vietnamese supply lines.

Though the war ended 30 years ago, the carnage from those bombings continues.

Nearly a third of the bombs failed to explode. lying in wait as "de facto anti-personnel mines," cording to a Human Rights Watch report. The bombs have killed roughly 6,000 Laotians since the end of fighting.

"Every time I go to Laos, I meet fresh bomb victims who have lost an eye or a leg or two," said Jim Harris, a retired Wisconsin school principal who helps educate people about the experience of Laotian refugees in his state

U.S. pilots dropped 2 million tons of bombs on Laos from 1964-1973, double the amount dropped on Germany in World War II.

The United States has agreed to nearly double the amount of aid it provides to help remove those bombs, known as unexploded ordnance, or UXO. Congress approved \$2.5 million for bomb removal in Laos next year, up from \$1.4 million, as part of a move to normalize trade relations with the impoverished Southeast Asian country.

But the improvement in trade relations and even the increased funding for bomb removal were opposed by some critics who said Laos continues to persecute its Hmong minority that fought alongside the CIA during the Vietnam War.

"Why should the U.S. taxpayer pay to remove land mines and unexploded ordnance from the Vietnam War, when the Lao government and military are involved in military operations against the Hmong people?" asked Philip Smith, the Washington director of Lao Veterans of America.

But Rep. Betty McCollum, a Minnesota Demo-

crat, said the United States "has a moral obligation to partner with the people of Laos to help eliminate the ordnance and put the land back into productive use for this impoverished nation.

Many of the Hmong people who fled Laos settled in Minnesota and Wisconsin

While the Laotian government is in charge of bomb removal, it relies on help from other countries and outside groups to help pay for it. The Laotian bomb removal agency, UXO Lao, hit a crisis point a couple of years ago.

"Money wasn't coming in in sufficient numbers, and UXO Lao had to let go of half of its employees, said Douglas Hartwick, the U.S. ambassador to Laos from 2001 until last July. "So there was a big push on the part of donors, and the Lao government to put together a long-term coherent strategy to clean up the unexploded bombs

The agency's annual budget is around \$4 million, ccording to its Web site. Officials with UXO Lao did not respond to e-mails seeking comment.

Hartwick said the explosives removal process, using metal detectors, is painstakingly slow. "You're etting constant hits with a metal detector," said Hartwick. "You've got shrapnel like you wouldn't believe, plus bullets, mortars and grenades,"

The Mine Advisory Group, a nongovernmental organization in Great Britain that helps destroy land mines and unexploded ordnance worldwide, is one of several private groups that receive U.S. money

for work in Laos. Sean Sutton, the group's spokesman, said, "It's welcome news that the United States is doing more

During a visit to Laos in October, he said, seven people were killed when a man hit a bomb while chopping wood. Just a few days later, he said, two boys were killed when playing with tennis-ball-sized cluster bomblets

He said many of the injuries and fatalities occur when poor Laotians are attracted to the explosives in search of scrap metal.

They can get \$1 for seven nounds of steel or about two pounds of aluminum.

"For a typical family making \$400 a year farming, a dollar is worth an awful lot." Sutton said

# Jail time for 11 terror plotters

# But men found not guilty of eveing U.S. sites in Jordan

BY JAMAL HALABY The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan - Jordan's military court on Monday acquit ted 13 Muslim militants — includ-ing three Saudi fugitives — of conspiring to commit terror attacks against U.S. targets in Jordan, but sentenced 11 of them to prison terms ranging from six to 15 years for possessing explosives.

Two defendants - Jordanian Saud al-Khalavleh and Isam al-Barqawi — were acquitted for lack of evidence in charges that they possessed explosives and plotted attacks.

The prosecution charged the 13-member cell including three Saudi fugitives and 10 Jorda-

sessing and intending to use explosives and conspiring to carry out terror attacks. The prosecution charged the 13 men with targeting the U.S. Embassy in Amman and Jordanian military bases near the Iraqi border where the militants believed American troops were stationed. The verdicts can

be appealed. No attacks had been carried out when police uncovered the plot in

December 2002. Only one of the defendants, Zuhair Shdeifat, has confessed to plotting terrorist attacks.

None of the accused are suspected of belonging to al-Qaida, Jordanian security officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.



Honduran President Ricardo Maduro consoles Aida Munguia at the morgue in San Pedro Sula on Friday, a day after Munguia's sister-inand 22 others were killed in an attack on a bus in the town

#### 9 held in Honduras attack

The Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras -Nine members of the dangerous youth gang Mara Salvatrucha are being charged with homicide for allegedly waging the armed at tack on a public bus that left 28 people dead two days before Christmas, Honduran President Ricardo Maduro said.

The investigation has focused on suspected Salvatrucha member Alex Ramirez, 23, who was captured after the attack driving a car whose interior was

stained with blood; he had two assault rifles, two handguns and ammunition

Ramirez was identified by survivors of the attack as the man who boarded the bus Thursday evening in San Pedro Sula to open fire on passengers at close range, Security Minister Oscar Alvarez said Sunday. Ramirez had been arrested twice before on charges of belonging to a gang and bearing illegal weapor

"I promise my people that those responsible for the massacre will rot in jail," Maduro said.

#### Nepal students demand government, rebels stop violent 8-year feud the Maoist guerrillas to abandon violence

BY YUVRAJ ACHARYA

The Associated Press

KATMANDU, Nepal - More than 100,000 people marched through Nepal's capital on Monday, demanding that the government and Maoist rebels halt fighting that has claimed nearly 11,000 lives in this Himalayan kingdom.

Students from Katmandu's schools and colleges left their classrooms to join the rally, urging the rebels and government to resolve their conflict peacefully.

The rally, organized by students and nongovernment groups, halted traffic in central Katmandu

"Don't give the student guns ... give them education," the demonstrators chanted. "We want peace. End the violence." They carried banners calling for immediate peace talks.

The government has repeatedly asked

and join government-rebel peace talks. But the rebels have refused, saying they'll only negotiate in the presence of international mediators

The guerrillas also want an independent election for a special assembly, which would draft a new constitution.

The government has refused to involve a third party such as the United Nations in the peace talks, saying the conflict is not an international dispute and should be re solved internally.

The rebels have been fighting since February 1996 to replace Nepal's monarchy with a communist state. The insurgency has claimed nearly 11,000 lives.

Fighting between government forces and the rebels, who say they are inspired by Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Ze-dong, has escalated since the guerrillas withdrew from a seven-month cease-fire

#### USS Kitty Hawk personnel train for trouble





GAN/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Petty Officer 2nd Class Steven Fox, above left, from Morehead City, N.C., positions an aircraft barricade during flight deck drills while air department personnel, above right, prepare for an aircraft-barricade drill aboard USS Kitty Hawk. Aircraft barricades are used to stop incoming aircraft when landing gear fails to operate or in other emergency situations.

## Strike Group 5 plans routine visit to Guam

Stars and Stripes

APRA HARBOR, Guam — hree ships from San Expeditionary Diego-based Strike Group 5 are expected to make a routine port visit to Guam this week as part of their tour in the Western Pacific, according to

a Navy news release. The amphibious assualt ship USS Bonhomme Richard and the amphibious transport USS Du-

luth were to arrive Tuesday. The dock landing ship USS Rushmore is expected to arrive

Thursday, the release stated.

Bonhomme Richard, known as
the "Revolutionary Gator," carries elements of a Marine landing force, which makes up approxi-mately half of the 3,000 service-

members aboard.

All three ships are to leave Guam Jan. 2. The Strike Group, which embarked on a six-month tour of the Western Pacific Dec. 6, includes more than 6,000 servicemembers, seven ships, a sub-marine, more than 30 aircraft, high-speed landing craft and the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.



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# Snow, sleet hamper East Coast travel

BY MARK PRATT

The Associated Press

BOSTON — A storm spread sleet, freezing rain and more than a foot of snow along the Eastern seaboard, knocking out power Monday to thousands in New England, stranding hundreds of motorists along icy highways in the Carolinas and causing airport delays.

At least two traffic deaths were blamed on the weather in North Carolina.

Fourteen inches of snow had fallen Monday in Virginia and 18 inches fell in eastern Massachusetts as the storm skimmed the coast on a northeasterly track. Up to 20 inches of snow was possible in southeastern Massachusetts, the National Weather Service said.

Just over 8 inches fell on the eastern tip of

New York's Long Island.

The snow limited Boston's Logan Interna-

tional Airport to a single runway until a second was opened late in the morning. That caused "substantial" flight delays, said Logan spokesman Phil Orlandella. Rhode Island got up to 10 inches and T.F. Green Airport in Warnwick had flight delays Monday after shuting down late Sunday night so crews could clear runways.

Among the travelers affected were the New England Patriots, who arrived in Boston by bus early Monday after a seven-hour ride from New Jersey, where they defeated the New York Jets 23-7.

"We were all loaded on the plane in Newark and ready to leave and there were some long discussions" about deteriorating airport conditions in Boston and Providence, said WBZ sportscaster Gil Santos, the team's radio play-by-play announcer. The players got off their plane and boarded four buses, he said. The snow was accompanied by stiff wind, and as many as 22,000 customers lost electrical service. Most of them were back on line by late morning, said NStar spokesman John Milton. Scattered outages were reported elsewhere in eastern New England.

The storm's combination of wind, freezing rain and snow hit parts of the Carolinas on

Sunday, snapping tree limbs and power lines. About 2,100 customers were still without electricity Monday in North Carolina, down from a peak of 14,000. More than 16,000 homes and businesses were blacked out Sunday in South Carolina, but that number was down to less than 5,000 Monday morning.

Traffic resumed moving early Monday on Interstate 95 in eastern North Carolina after Sunday's ice and more than six inches of snow slowed cars and trucks to a crawl and made some motorists give up altogether.

Hundreds of travelers spent the night in hotel lobbies and shelters.

#### Kwanzaa education

HACKENSACK, N.J. — For Marlene Ware, a teacher at Teacher High School, Kwanzaa is an opportunity to demystify Africa. "A lot of African-Americans to this day really don't acknowledge the role that Africa has in the world," Ware said.

As organizer of the high school's annual Kwanzaa celebration, which was held earlier this month, Ware uses the holiday to demonstrate the importance of Africa to people of all races.

Families and educators look to Kwanzaa as a way to educate young people, particularly young African-Americans, about Africa as well as the struggles blacks have faced in the United States.

"It invites family time and family unity and it gives them another sense of who they are," said Keli Drew Lockhart-Ba of Trenton, a psychologist who celebrates the holiday with her family.

#### Casino buys kids' gifts

HOUSTON — An online casino will pay a man \$5,300 for his naughty children's Christmas gifts.

The same casino — GoldenPalace.com — made headlines buying a cheese sandwich said to bear the Virgin Mary's image and a plate that supposedly came from the Titanic.

The Pasadena man said last week that he decided to auction the three Nintendo D-S game systems because his sons, ages nine, eleven, and 15, had misbehaved. The man says his family will

use the money to buy a new heating system for his Pasadena church. He spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymi-

From The Associated Press

## Comair works to restore full service to customers

BY JOHN NOLAN

The Associated Press

HEBRON, Ky. — Regional airline Comair will need several days to resume a full schedule of flights that were grounded over the busy holiday weekend due to a computer failure, a company official said.

A day after all 1,100 of Conair's flights were canceled, customers frustrated from days of delays and cancellations got some relief Sunday when the airline resumed 172 flights, about 15 percent of its normal schedule. "We anticipate Comair will be

able to operate on a full schedule by Wednesday," said Nick Miller, a spokesman for the Delta subsidiary based at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. "That is our goal."

About 100 people stood in line Sunday at the ticket counter shared by Comair and Delta, waiting to be helped by two dozen agents. Nearby in the terminal were huge piles of lost luggage.

Comair wasn't the only airline that experienced problems during the holiday travel rush. US Airways started chipping away Sunday at a mountain of backed-up luggage, part of what its chief executive called an "operational melidown." Hundreds of US Airways flights were canceled from Friday to Sunday, the result of severe weather Thursday and large numbers of baggage handlers, ramp workers and flight attendants calling in sick.

US Airways was operating at near-normal levels by Sunday, when it had canceled 43 of about 1,200 flights systemwide. That was down from 143 scratched flights on Saturday and 176 on Friday.

U.S. Department of Transportation spokesman Robert Johnson said Sunday that federal Comair's computer shutdown forced the airline to cancel all of its Saturday flights. Miller did not know how many customers were affected, but said the airline serves 30,000 travelers in 118 cities on a normal day

Jackson Lashier, 26, and wife Julie, 27, of Wilmore, Ky., called Comair about 50 times Saturday before finally reaching a worker who told them their flight to Des Moines, Iowa, on Sunday was canceled.

Comair booked the couple on a Delta flight to Minneapolis, where Lashier's parents would pick them up. "We feel very fortunate that we are able to get out today," Lashier said Sunday. "A lot of people here today are under much worse circumstances."

# Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

## Breaks for helping parents

BY NANCY DUNNAN

You can possibly cut your federal income taxes if you've been helping out a parent financially. But the IRS rules are a bit tricky and you may want to consult a tax expert. Here are the basics for claiming the "dependent exemption," which is worth \$3,100 for 2004.

- You must have supplied more than half the support for a parent during the year.
- If you've kicked in less than half, as long as family members together contribute

more than half, you can get the exemption provided other contributors agree in writing not to claim it.

■ Your parent must earn less than \$3,100 in taxable gross in-

You also can claim a credit of up to \$3,000 — if you hire someone to take care of your parent or parents while you go to work. For more information read IRS Publication #502,

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Financial adviser, economist and security analyst Nancy Dunnan is the author of "How to Invest \$50 to \$5,000." She writes a weekly column for theonlineinvestor.com

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# Stars Stripes | Letters to the editor/opinion

#### GIs in Kuwait on same team

Why is it that almost every letter to the editor from Kuwait, especially those relating to some issue of security or uniform correction, is harshly criticized by someone in Iraq with the quote "I invite the writer to visit my camp in Iraq." To all troops serving in Iraq: Please realize that we here in Kuwait cannot just jump into our our unarmored, unescorted military vehicles and travel to your camp in Iraq as if on a Sunday morning drive from our homes to the local Wal-Mart just to compare how tough your lives are to ours, no matter how petty some of these issues may be.

Second, although not as often, even here in Kuwait, terrorism can raise its ugly head at any place, any time. Also, all personnel in Kuwait, both military and civilian are here because someone decided that we were needed more here in Kuwait than un north just as they decided that you were needed in

Iraq Like it or not, our being here in Kuwait does not make us any less of a servicemem ber or an American than you are. We in Kuwait may not face the same dangers as you do, but we are here for the same cause, are on the same team and are also far away from our families, friends and country just as you are. Every day, we are continuing to help prepare incoming units to go north with supplies, maintenance, transportation, training, logistics, etc.

Here in Kuwait, we admire you and pray for your safety for what you face in Iraq every day, so please keep up the good work be safe, Godspeed — and stop hating.

Sgt. 1st Class Errol Lorenzy

Camp Behring, Kuwait

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#### Many testify to Arafat's legacy

To the writer of the letter "Arafat legacy not yet realized" (Nov. 24): I feel obligated to inform you that, unfortunately, Yasser Arafat's legacy has been realized. Just ask Mark T. Parson, John Martin Linde Jr. or John Branchizio (all three were U.S. contractors assigned to the American Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel) But that's right, you can't ask them, be-cause they're dead. But you can ask their widows and children.

These men were part of a Department of State security detail who were killed

by a roadside bomb in the Gaza Strip. The organization that was responsible was Fatah, a terrorist organization created sponsored and led by none other then Yasser Arafat.

If you can't reach them, maybe you could ask the victims of the suicide bombers who were inspired by Arafat or acting under his orders. Or better vet, perhaps the Palestinians, who live in poverty while his wife reportedly received more than \$11 million between July 2002 and September 2003 from the Palestinian Authority, could testify to his legacy. Or even better, why not ask the Marines who are dead as a result of the terror tactics that Arafat inspired throughout the Muslim world?

If that is not enough, ask the dead soldiers from the Persian Gulf War what they think about Arafat's support for Saddam Hussein and his anti-American posi-

Why not ask the families of the nearly 3,000 Americans killed on Sept. 11, 2001, what they thought about the pictures taken by CNN the next day of Palestinians burning U.S. flags and crying tears of joy in the streets of the West Bank and Gaza Strip that Americans were killed? Do you think they hate Americans naturally or did Arafat's support for Palestinian Authority-sponsored anti-American rhetoric and incitement in schools, mosques and newspapers have something to do with it?

Maybe you should be more concerned with the spirits of your fellow Americans and Marines who are dead as a result of Arafat's legacy then the spirit of a terrorist with American blood on his hands.

Capt. Adam Jonasz Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

# Use renewed focus on Sudan for good

he Bush administration signaled a new course on Sudan last week, and none too soon.

A month ago it made the mis take of turning the diplomatic spotlight away from Darfur where Sudan's governis perpetrating genocide, to peace talks between the government and rebels in the south. But now Stuart Holliday, the administration's third-ranking representative at the United Nations, has suggested that U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan should visit Darfur to refocus the world's attention on the genocide. Holliday and Annan have also revived discussion of U.N. sanctions on Sudan's government.

The renewed emphasis on Darfur has been forced by events on the ground. After the United States sponsored a U.N. resolution last month that shifted attention away from Darfur, the government felt free to re sume its killing there. On Dec. 8 it launched an air attack on a village called Marlla; on Dec. 11 it attacked another village, Ishma; the next day the government's allies in the Janjaweed death squads looted and burned other settlements nearby. On Dec. 18 the

government followed up with a helicopter assault on the village of Labado, torching its buildings before moving on to other targets: again, the Janjaweed looted and destroyed property in the wake of the government attacks. Darfur's rebel groups, whose vio-lence had been contained by the hope that international intervention might protect them, have grown more desperate and vicious. Perhaps hoping to provoke a reaction that would draw the world back into the crisis, the rebels have attacked police outposts and relief convoys, sometimes killing aid

The result is that the tenuous gains of the summer, when Darfur briefly grabbed the world's attention, have been partly undone. Access for humanitarian workers, which the government blocked earlier this year as part of its policy of eradicating civili deteriorated: Relief workers are being de nied visas, and the Sudan chief for the aid agency Oxfam has been ordered out of the country. Violence is compounding the problem. Last week, following the deaths of four employees, Save the Children withdrew 350 workers from Darfur who had been delivering food and medical supplies to 250,000 people.

Meanwhile ... peace talks between the overnment and Darfur's rebels broke up Dec. 21 without results.

The United States has done more than any other country to control this catastrophe, which may already have claimed 300,000 lives. It has been frustrated by China and Russia, which have sold weapons to Sudan and used their muscle on the U.N. Security Council to undermine a push for sanctions; by the sluggishness of the African Union, which accounts for the slow deployment [of troops]; and by the need to preserve diplomatic capital for the war on terrorism and for Iraq. But the Bush adminis-tration must press for tougher action. It must revive the threat of U.N. sanctions. which succeeded in restraining Sudan's government over the summer, and be ready to face down a possible Chinese or Russian veto; it must push for a peacekeeping presence.

It must persist in this effort because the administration itself determined three months ago that Darfur's killings amount to genocide - a policy of targeting ethnic Africans in the region and killing as many as possible

#### Doonesbury









BY GARRY TRUDEAU

#### OPINION

# Christian influence on U.S. can't be erased

BY STAR PARKER Scripps Howard

he holiday season brings an element of predictability each year into our otherwise-tumultuous lives. We know what to expect: parties, food, shopping, resolutions and debates on cable shows about the constitutionality of public displays of nativity scenes.

So what about it? Is Christmas itself unconstitutional? Is it a religious holiday? Is it a once-religious holiday that we retain because it rivals tax cuts as a stimulant to economic activity? Do we keep Christmas as a national holiday for practical reasons? Surveys indicate that roughly 80 percent of Americans identify themselves as Christians. The country couldn't function if. on December 25 each year, 8 out of 10 Americans took the day off.

I think the discussions we Americans have with ourselves every year about Christmas and religion and the Constitution retain elements of self-delusion. Christmas is clearly a Christian event. Although the various means and symbols through which the holiday is celebrated have different histories and traditions, they are all associated with Christianity.

The Christmas trees that stand on the na tion's ellipse and in the White House do not stand in Tel Aviv or Tokyo or Cairo. We delude ourselves to think that it is possible to remove all religious content from Christmas or that Americans want to. So, instead, we fend off relentless American Civil Liberties Union assaults make concessions here and there, and tacitly go on every year doing

what we supposedly in principle can't do recognizing the inseparability of the values that Christians brought to this land from our national being and identity

There is the notion that a free society is a society of law and not of men. The founders of our country did as good a job as humanly possible to construct a constitutional foundation that gives our nation these characteristics. Legal barriers stand at every corner that prevent intrusion of one person on the life, liberty and property of others.

But as we can see from experience and from what is going on today, it is impossible to have a society that is totally insulated from human judgment and values. The most beautifully constructed legal system will still need human judges to interpret the laws, and human elected officials to govern and administer.

The words may say that "All men are cre-ated equal," but we have had contentious times in our nation's history defining who is a man and what is equal. The words may say 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness but we have bitter debates today about defining life.

Certainly the drafters of our constitution would never have dreamt that one day the definition of marriage would be a point of contention. So, in truth, we have a society of

Perhaps we can say that, at minimum, Christmas is one day we Americans insist on setting aside to remind ourselves that who we are as a nation goes beyond the particular laws we have, but also reflects who we choose to be as human beings. ..

Our laws assure that no one can prevent



others from "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." But our values dictate what we do with these freedoms we protect. Our laws protect us from the worst, but our values oint the way to our best.

It is good that, in our free society, our values are constantly challenged. It forces us to readdress them and get back in touch with them. As I stood in a crowded line of Christmas shoppers in a department store the other day, I couldn't help but see irony as impatient customers berated the poor elderly gentleman fumbling with the computerized cash register he was trying to operate. If this is what Christmas has become, perhaps we should let the ACLU declare victory and pack away our ornaments. .

Americans will not relinquish Christmas because of an inherent knowledge and conviction that the greatest gift we have is what has been bequeathed to us. To understand that is to be humble and to be free.

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## Put saving lives ahead of our squeamishness on race The worry is that any research that suggests

ace is one of those topics that few people in polite conversation these days discuss realistically. They fear anything they say will be used against them

Peter A. Brown



Even when the discussion involves singling out a racial minority in a positive way. there is a growing ten dency to mouth politically correct platitudes that discourage examining anything along ra cial lines. Perhans that is why a potentially huge hreakthrough that seems likely to save the lives of thousands of blacks with se

rious heart disease has

gotten a relatively tepid public response. There has been something of a collective angst about the development of this new drug aimed specifically at blacks. That's because the new drug may be seen in many cir-cles as validating the scientifically questionable notion that there are widespread genet ic differences between the races

However, just as political concerns about offending abortion-rights opponents should not get in the way of stem-cell research, so, the societal touchiness about race should not interfere with this promising line of inquiry

The drug was specifically designed to work on black patients, who generally have a death rate twice that of whites from severe heart disease. In other words, the treat ments that have been commonly used are not as effective for blacks as for whites

Scientists have attributed the higher death rate from heart disease to a variety of factors in the black community: lower-quality medical care, high-cholesterol diets and higher poverty rates. Another reason may

be that, in the past, blacks may not have been involved as subjects in large enough numbers in the clinical trials that led to the current treatments.

But because the PC Police are especially active in academic circles, researchers have been loath to examine the question of whether something in the genetic makeup of blacks might lead to the higher death rates.

Now, NitroMed Inc., a suburban Boston company, has come up with a drug, BiDil, that in clinical trials reduced deaths among blacks from advanced heart failure by 43 percent. That is, as they say in the science biz, a meaningful result

It is quite possible that, because the clini-

cal data were confined to studies of black patients, the Food and Drug Administration will approve its use only for blacks. Naturally, some medical ethicists have begun to wring their hands about the unhealthy implications of such data for American society. ...

a genetic basis for characteristics specific to a certain race could be inflammatory.

That is obviously why, for instance, there has been so little scientific investigation into explaining how blacks, who comprise 12 percent of the national population, so dominate professional athletics. Or why Asian-Americans, who make up

roughly 4 percent of our citizenry, are so overrepresented at prestigious colleges. At Harvard they are about 17 percent of the student body, and at the University of California, Berkeley, roughly 40 percent

The understandable concern is that such analysis on positive achievements might also rear its ugly head relating to less favorable statistics. However, despite those concerns, it would be misguided and dangerous if we allowed such worries to become a legitimate reason to discourage similar research in the medical field. ... Surely the ability to heart-disease drug run as high as 15,000 annually — is worth ruffling some feathers.

Just as with stem-cell research, if scientists can produce a meaningful benefit from such inquiry, it would be stupid to tie their hands. After all, we know that some ethnic groups are more likely to suffer certain diseases than the general population.

Jewish women who trace their ancestors

to Eastern Europe are thought to have a higher risk of some breast cancers. Members of the Pima Indian tribe reportedly are more likely to get diabetes

Doctors theorize that certain genetic combinations, which in some cases may fall along racial or ethnic lines, predispose those people to specific illnesses. If that knowledge allows physicians to find effective treatments for diseases that work primarily for only certain racial or ethnic groups, so be it.

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#### Mallard Fillmore

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#### Generous gift

DENVER — Resi dents of Samaritan House didn't know what to expect when the bearded, middle-aged man parked his sport utility vehicle in front of the downtown homeless shelter Christmas Eve.

The man walked into the building, pulled out a thick roll of \$100 bills and began passing them out to each of the approximately 300 residents.

As a crowd gathered, the man said he had once been homeless and knew what it was like to be in need. He did not identify himself and said only that he lived in Denver and had also distributed money at a Las Vegas shelter.

#### Lutefisks support Gls

MN GLENWOOD — Each year, Mike Field ships anywhere from 200,000 to 300,000 pounds of lutefisk from his small shop here to customers all over the United States.

But his latest order of the stinky fish crosses a new horizon.

One lutefisk-loving soldier has ordered 25 pounds of the pungent lye-soaked fish to be shipped to Afghanistan as a "treat" for the servicemen and -women stationed

The order came from Mike Lindemoe, a serviceman with the U.S. Army stationed in Afghanistan—and yes, Lindemoe's the one who called it a "treat," Field said.

Field said that Lindemoe told him he wouldn't mind if it costs \$50 a plate, he wants the lutefisk, which is a holiday tradition for many with Scandinavian heritage.

#### Child welfare warned

FI ORLANDO — Days before a 4-year-old girl died from a blow to the head in a filthy motel room shared with five siblings and her parents, the state child welfare agency was told about her living conditions but declined to investigate, according to documents released Wednesday.

Kai Gadison was found dead Monday after her mother called 911 to report the child wasn't breathing. She died of blunt force trauma to the head, an autopsy report said. The mother, 27-year-old Kenya Hill, initially was held on charges of child abuse and violation of probation, but was charged Wednesday night with murder.

The other five children were being cared for in a foster home.

#### **Busting out the baton**

RI LINCOLN — A Woonsocket man was restrained at gunpoint by a state Department of Environmental Management officer following a traffic dispute.

Stephen Chauvin, 24, was charged with felony assault with adangerous weapon on Tuesday. The DEM officer spotted him walking from his parked car toward another motorist with a 2-foot-long retractable batton on Route 116 shortly after 9 a.m.

Chauvin and the other driver had both pulled over to the side of the road.

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The DEM officer witnessed the confrontation and ordered Chauvin to put the baton down. When he failed to comply, the officer drew his weapon. Chauvin then stopped and was later charged by police.

#### Locks of rehabilitation

HI HONOLULU — Employees at Salon Bobbi Nº Guy received an unexpected Christmas gift this season — locks of hair from an inmate in jail on drug charges.

Salon vice president Alex Choi said the hair was a welcome gift because it will be sent to Locks of Love, a nationwide nonprofit group that collects hair to make wigs for financially disadvantaged children suffering from hair loss because of illness.

The black hair — enough for about five wigs — arrived on Christmas Eve from a male inmate at the Waiawa Correctional Facility who said he wanted to make a sacrifice as proof of his sincere wish to turn his life around, Choi caid

#### Ominous message

ALLENHURST — The decades-old message scrawled on the bottom of a dresser drawer was ominous — alluding to a murder and detailing the location of the victim's body.



Sundogs of winter
A sundog shines in the subzero
temperatures as Don Baxter clears
snow on Alkali Creek Road in Billings, Mont. Sundogs form because
ice crystals refract each color of
light differently.

But after fruitless digging by police in a back yard in the Monmouth County borough Wednesday, the mesage may prove more useful to a local author than to authorities.

Shovels, a backhoe and ground-penetrating radar failed to unearth any human remains from the yard of Richard Fernicola, a doctor and author who says he might use the detail in his next book.

"My immediate decision was that we had to resolve this because I didn't want people saying a month or a year or 10 years from now, "What happened to the body in your backyard?" he said.

#### Fast food hero

BATON ROUGE — A McDonald's worker ran to the rescue of an allegedly drunk driver whose car was rolling toward a canal, pulling the man from behind the wheel about 10 feet before the vehicle fell into the water and sub-

"He saved that man's life," fellow McDonald's employee Priscilla Morgan said of co-worker Tonio

The pair were working early Thursday morning when driver Brian Broussard, 20, pulled up to the drive-thru service window.

East Baton Rouge sheriff's deputies say when Broussard's foot slipped off the brake, the car began to roll toward a canal across the street from the McDonald's. Harris took off after it, pulling Broussard from the still-moving car just before it plunged into the canal.

#### Advance pews available

OH AKRON — Joe and Kathy Tricaso weren't taking any chances on not getting a seat for Mass on Christmas Eve.

The couple, who live in the Akron suburb of Green, spent \$85 in a church auction last summer to reserve a pew.

Their investment paid off. The parking lot at Queen of Heaven Catholic Church was filling fast when they arrived an hour before Friday's 4 p.m. service.

"The rule is you're not allowed to save seats, and kind, loving Christians can get pretty mean-spirited if you tell them they can't sit down when they see an empty seat on a pew," Joe Tricaso said.

#### Here's mud in your way

VA RICHMOND — An American Airlines plane preparing for takeoff went off the runway and became stuck in mud Thursday at Richmond International Airport, shutting the airport's two main runways to all incoming flights, an airport spokesman said.

American Airlines Flight 1239 bound for Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport was mired at the grassy juncture of the airport's two main runways around 8:20 a.m., airport spokesman Troy Bell said.

None of the 129 passengers or five crew members on the MD-80 was injured, Bell said. All passengers had been evacuated by 10:30 a.m.



Floppy the snowman A snowman yard ornament seems to relax on a bench as snow falls along Quitman Street in luka, Miss.



Outta the way! Ronnie Martinez of Calallen, Texas, takes a ride down a hill at West Guth Park in Corpus



Parking nightmare People walk through the Wal-Mart Supercenter parking lot in Buckhorn, Pa., toward their vehicles as a driver looks for one of the few empty spaces left in the lot while a shopper places bags into an SUV.



Hands-on job Handprints are visible in the heavy frost covering a door at the Hippodrome in Eveleth, Minn.



Icicles abound
Frigid cold and wind from Lake
Michigan turn this shore marker at
31st Street Beach into a giant
icicle in Chicago.



Consuming blaze A home occupied by Debbie Hunt and Frank Holzkamp burns in McCracken County, Ky. The residents and their dog escaped and were not injured.

#### | | Scalding death

ROCHESTER HILLS — A pregnant woman was charged with killing her boy-friend's toddler daughter by scalding her in what prosecutors say was 147-degree water, then ignoring her suffering for several hours.

Letitia Ann Johnson, 27, of Orion Township was charged Wednesday with second-degree murder in the death of 22-month-old Jasmine Phillips.

Johnson gave the girl a bath Saturday night in scalding water, then put her to bed, according to her statements to police. Johnson was aware Jasmine was in pain, according to prosecutors.

Louie D. Phillips, 26, found his daughter Sunday morning and called 911, police said. She was pronounced dead at a hospital. The medical examiner ruled the death a homicide caused by dehydration from extensive third-degree burns.

#### Traffic deaths analysis

HII HILO — Big Island motorists died in traffic crashes at more than three times the rate of Oahu drivers from 2000 to 2003, while the county's frequency of vehicle fatalities, when adjusted for population, was nearly twice that of Maui and Kauai counties during that time a state analysis found.

The statistics were contained in a study recently released by the state Department of Health.

The per-capita fatality rate for vehicle occupants was similar when figures were adjusted to account for the counties' different sizes. Deaths from motorcycle, bicycle and pedestrian accidents were excluded from the study.

# State loses residents BOSTON — Massachu

MA setts was the only state in the nation to lose residents in 2004, U.S. Census data shows.

The state lost an estimated 3,852 people, or about 1.1 percent, in the last year, despite continuing growth in immigration to the Bay State, the Boston Sunday Globe reported.

Paul E. Harrington, an economist at Northeastern University's Center for Labor Market Studies, attributed the fall to a stagnant job market. He said the decline could be an ominous sign for the state.

"Population loss is a pretty fundamental number," he said.

Offsetting the trend is a boost in foreign immigrants, Harrington said, who are counted by the Census but often don't show up in job or unemployment data. That suggests that these workers are being paid under the table, which could create a "long-term economic growth problem." he said.

#### Line drawn at \$104M

FL mildam — A Florida appeals court threw out as "shockingly excessive" a jury's \$104 million verdict over a teenager who was left severely brain-damaged after becoming trapped underwater by the suction of a pool drain.

The 3rd District Court of Appeal on Wednesday ordered a new trial in the lawsuit brought by the family of Lorenzo Peterson against pump maker Sta-Rite Industries.

Peterson died earlier this year, after the trial.

He nearly drowned while swimming with friends at age 15 when a Sta-Rite pump sucked his arm into an uncovered drain at an apartment complex in North Miami in 2000

Six adults were unable to free the teen. He was eventually released when a police officer arrived and shut off the power.

#### West Nile virus down

NY ROCHESTER — Cases of West Nile virus plummeted in New York state in 2004, health officials said.

The mosquito-borne illness prompted some panic when it first hit America in 1999, but drew little attention this year in New York.

In all, 10 people tested positive statewide for the virus in 2004, compared with 71 last year. Around 200 birds had confirmed West Nile this year, down from 1.367 in 2003.

Experts aren't sure yet if cases will remain scarce or whether the drop is simply part of a down cycle in the virus' lifespan.

#### Land preservation

VA CHARLOTTESVILLE — A preservation agreement will keep about 1,060 acres surrounding Monticello — land that was once part of Thomas Jefferson's plantation — much as it was in bis day.

The nonprofit Thomas Jefferson Foundation announced a plan to place the land surrounding the historic house in permanent conservation easement, which cedes all development and division rights to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, a state agency committed to preserving areas of scenic and historical value.

"The mission of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation is preservation and education," said its president, Dan Jordan.

The areas placed under easement include three separate tracts: a 418-acre parcel known as the Home Farm, the 560-acre Tufton property and 80 acres bordering the Rivanna River. All the land was once part of the original Monticello plantation site.

#### Chicago-centric auction

CHICAGO — Dyeing the Chicago River green on St. Patrick's Day: \$7,600. Placing the winning bid for a hallowed city tradition: Priceless.

The city's eBay auction of Chicao-specific experiences and treasures ended Wednesday night after raising more than \$242,000 for the city's arts and cultural programs — including the winning \$5,600 bid for the opportunity to dye the Chicago River green March 17.

The top bid came in at \$21,000 for a wedding package that includes catering for 100 in the city's ornate Chicago Cultural Center overlooking Michigan Avenue. The second biggest draw — dinner for 10 with television broadcaster Bill Kurtis, accompanied by a documentary about the winning bid-der's life — went for \$18,600.

Stories and photos from The Associated

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## Horoscope

The Leo moon invites us to a cosmic happy hour, where the free food and half-priced drinks have us just jolly enough to spin a tall tale for the sake of being social. The tendency toward exaggeration can be awfully fun, and laughter will emanate from normally sober individuals. Be effusive Everyone needs love and acknowledgment

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 29). Exciting news regarding your caree starts the year with a bang By April, you can expect vast improvements on your living situation — expansions, remod eling and relocating are all possibili ties. Many of you will become engaged, wed or renew your vows Love signs are Sagittarius and Taurus. When it's vacation time. don't think small.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a hush over your land, which is terrific since you crave a little downtime after the holidays. On the other hand, part of you feels quilty, like you're supposed to be doing something at all times. Cool

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll find harmony in your relationships with women and will benefit from their intuition and caring approach

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Any sort of creative endeavor gets a little boost right now, even if you can't immediately see the results

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You're in a wonderful mood perhaps the result of some secret communication? Translate that energy into a fun evening with the one you love, and you can't go wrong. If single, wear white or silver to attract someone's eye.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Your normally uncanny intuition is bound to be a little fuzzy now. Don't act on your first impression - think it over. Tonight is much better for making decisions. It's better for upping your glamour quotient, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even though it's winter, the sun is already beginning to overtake the darkness. Feel your power slowly growing. Hold this belief close to your heart Let it take hold and flourish. There's no need to act yet - just knowing is enough.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Any sort of home-based project, particularly in the kitchen or bath, can be easily tackled. You make quick work of plumbing fixes and organizing the pantry, fridge or vanity. Enlist your children by making it fun.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are incredibly popular, able to

emotionally connect to people with ease. If you have a public appearance to make. this is a wonderful opportunity. Brush up on your jokes - make 'em laugh, and then, reel 'em in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A light bulb turns on in your head. This moment of perfect clarity is likely to resolve a problem you've

been brooding over for days and will happen when you're showering driving, working out or dozing off SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec

21). You can nail what's wrong and rid vourself of it once and for all that is, if you're willing to dig and access the emotional cause of your trouble. The excavation is not as painful as you think it will be

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Fertility issues come to the fore, be they physical or mental. If a creative project seems stalled, take a brisk walk outdoors to get those juices flowing again. Any sort of climbing or hiking is always beneficial to goats.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Expect yesterday's emotional outburst to have repercussions. Whether it was your bad or someone else's, try to keep your cool and ride it out. The shock waves from this one could last through the weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As Dire Straits' Mark Knopfler once said, "Sometimes you're the windshield, sometimes you're the bug." Now, you feel like the bug, but try to keep your sense of humor. This funk will be gone by tomorrow.

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#### **Peanuts**











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#### **Eugene Sheffer Crossword** PETER, I DON' HONESTLY THROWING A FOOTBALL IN THE LIVING PETER! MAYBE IT REALLY IS THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS BURE WHATIS IT? TO RETURN THIS SIGH S 33 BRAKE SHOES 37 39 41 43 46 Mex 51 52 53 INHAT FIND OF RESPONSIBLE PARENT LETS A SECOND-GRADER DO HER OWN HOMBWORK?? I HATE TO ADMIT IT BUT I RESENT HAVING TO SPEND SO MUCH TIME HELPING ZOE WITH HOMEWORK. MAYBE LAHAT?? MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST LEAVE HER ALONE AND ONLY HELP WHEN SHE ASKS. MANBE 59 61 26 It takes the cake Down Across 27 Leak slowly 1 Early bird? 1 "Born Free" 28 Prejudice 4 Picnic hamperer lioness 29 Mine entrance 2 Target 8 Advertising 30 "It Must Be Him" award 3 Amateur-night singer IF YOU DO, SHE'LL PROBABLY STILL BE WITH KRAYEN! OH, DEAR -- IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D THINK PETER IS JEALOUS, 12 Privv prop 31 "Finding — 4 Proof of purchase 13 Beige 35 Cast-iron skillets 14 Patronize the 5 Interlaken 38 Reacted with interjection library 6 Glass of NPR ennui 15 — Jose 40 Exist 16 Bubbly 7 Senseless 42 Energy 8 Necktie 18 Pond cover 45 Ali — 9 Journey segment 20 Ms. Sills, to pals 47 Tars' bars 10 Author Fleming 21 Parent sharers 48 Hold the scepter 11 Sonnet, sometimes 24 Rodeo cry 49 Competent 17 Church seat 28 Lumbago CERTAINLY HAS 50 Mandible 19 Send out 32 VCR descendant 51 Bullring bravo 33 Cretan mountain invitations 22 Fisherman's need 52 Weeding 34 London newspaper implement 23 Who says? 36 Shriner's chapeau 53 Longing 25 Music lover's 37 Ethereal 54 Profit hookup 39 "Common Sense" man Answer to Previous Puzzle 41 Knapsack part BLUR GABS ВІВ 43 Dark, filmwise RAKE EVA ALAI 44 Symbol of intrigue HOW COULD YOU TELL A VENDOR ABOUT OUR REORGANIZATION BEFORE YOU TELL YOU OWN STAFF?!! VET COME INTO MY OFFICE AND WE CAN DISCUSS IT. EVERAGED 46 Winger or Messing SETS TRICKI C'MON PHONE 50 "Miracle on 34th POOR POSTS BINGH Street" actor IDEASTARWARS scoot 55 Massage NOVCOULDGUT 56 Lotion GREMLINS KENO additive RAIL RESEW 57 "Cheers" order G L A D E A M U R R U N N E V E R M O R E 58 Suffering 59 Dandelion, e.g. BUT ALWAYS 60 Aardvark's A B C TROT IDOL lunch SANE BEE TEEM 61 "Holy cow!" 12-29 CRYPTOQUIP HIZGO GLOO IDELMLD LUOH O K MOIJ. MIUO DENISE, IT'S GUESS IT'LL JUST BE THE ONE OF US ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GO OUT WITH YOU? GTEEOGGRTDDK DZRWOJ GVZHZWG?

Q K G V Z H Z W G ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I REALIZED THAT
SOMEONE TEACHING A LAMAZE CLASS MIGHT
BE CALLED A LABOR LEADER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals C

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# Sister-in-law's 'joke' goes too far JUMBLE

Dear Abby: My husband comes from a family of practical jokers. When I first married

Vince," I tolerated it. However, after my sis-ter-in-law, "Vicki," sent a stripper to my office as a birthday surprise, I asked her politely and firmly to stop. All my request did was provoke her to continue hounding me and to escalate the

Her last "joke" was the last straw. Vince and I had planned a dream vacation to Europe. Vicki called our travel agent and attempted to cancel it over the phone. She had our confirmation number and my credit card infor mation.

It's lucky that I'm close friends with the travel agent, who knew it wasn't me.

Besides nearly costing us thousands of dollars in unrefundable travel costs, we realized that Vicki had snooned through our personal belongings. How else could she have obtained my credtion number for the trin?

Vicki is no longer welcome in our home. She has never apologized and seems to enjoy showing up at our house, forcing us to deny her entry. How can we get her to stop harassing us, and how can we get the family to

recognize the seriousness of this?

- Ticked Off in Houston

Dear Ticked Off Your sister-in-law appears to have gone off the deep end. There is a difference between a practical joke and malicious mischief, a fact that seems lost on the woman. Until she grows up and sohers

up, you are within your rights to distance yourselves from her

Dear Abby: I am a woman in my 30s with an outgoing personality. A few weeks ago I struck up a conversation with an elderly man in a store. We shared a common

him my e-mail address.
In his first two e-mails, he

suggested we have lunch and asked if I was married. In his third e-mail, he volunteered that he only "co-existed" with his wife and said they were probably headed for divorce

At that point, I e-mailed him that I didn't think our correspondence was a good idea because it could cause problems for him, even if he was looking only for friendship.

He replied with an angry e-mail saving I had offended him by suggesting that he would cheat on

his wife I'm not sure if I overstepped my bounds and owe him an apology.

— Wants to do the Right

Thing in Carolina Dear Wants: The right thing to do is stop the e-mails. Delete him from your computer and your life. You do not owe him an apolo gy or any further contact. Letters for this column — with your

name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

Unscramble these four Jumbles.



HE--Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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PRINTERS

ADVANCES BECAUSE

Jumbles: CANAL Yesterday's

FOLIO NOTIFY PERMIT Answer The actress got the part because she could - FEINT A FAINT

# DORPAN **PORTSY**

# Find better home for father-in-law

Dear Annie: My wife's 85-year-old father lives with us, and he is slowly breaking up our marriage. He is gross and nasty, thinks he owns the place and treats us like little kids. We have no privacy.

Dad moved in after his wife died, and he's been

here a few years. He is quite capable of taking care of himself, but is too lazy and was spoiled rotten by my mother-in-law Talking to him does no good. He's just ornery and mean. My wife hates the situation but says she is responsible for him until he dies, even though she is well aware that our marriage should be her first priority.

Unless something can be done about Dad, we're headed for divorce court

- Giving Up in Michigan Dear Michigan: Being responsi-ble for Dad doesn't mean he has to live with you. It only means that you both should see that Dad gets the best care possible. Start



looking into retirement homes and assisted-living centers. Dad sounds like a good candidate for such places, and he could make lots of new friends as well. Point out to your wife and vour father-in-law that he obviously is unhappy with the current situa tion and it is wrecking your marriage. He needs to find more

appropriate accommodations. Please don't wait.

Dear Annie: This letter is in response to "Disappointed in Seattle," who went on a job interview and sent a nice thank-you note, but has heard nothing since. I am a career counselor and can tell you this man has plenty of company. Here are my tips: Taking the online job application and giving it a makeover probably cost "Disappointed" the job. It says there's something wrong with the company. Job searches can take anywhere from six months to a year or

more. He may need to adjust his expectations of the job market. Interviews are a two-way

street. Never lose sight of the million-dollar question: "Is this job really for me?" Career changers like "Disap pointed" often need to rethink their approach, and a good career counselor may be of help

The National Career Development Association (www.ncda.org) has a public

referral directory. Finally, every rejection is one

more step toward finding the right ioh. With the right anproach, right attitude and LOTS of patience, I am sure "Disap-pointed's" fortunes will turn.

- Theresa O'Neill, MA, NCC Career Counselor,

Newark, N.J. Dear Theresa O'Neill: Your optimism will boost the spirits of the unemployed.

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#### **Family Circus**



'I'm talkin' to you on the phone, Grandma.



WE WERE GONINA PLAY MY NEW GAME FUT DAT



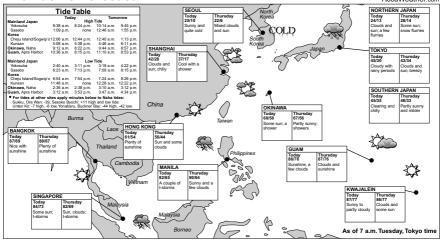


. If this tomb does have a curse on it Webster I daresay we'll be the first to find out



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#### **Extended Forecasts**

sunshine

high 42, low 31.

Friday: Rain high 49, low 34. Saturday: Periods of clouds and KADENA

high 58, low 50

Friday: Showers, high 59, low 49. Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine.

#### SEOUL

Friday: Mostly sunny, high 18, low 3 Saturday: Mostly sunny, high 23, low 14

#### MANILA

Friday: Showers, high 85, low 67. Saturday: Showers, high 83 low 66

#### HAGATNA

high 86, low 78.

Friday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 77 Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine

#### Monday's USA Temperatures

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Albuquerque	51/31	Los Angeles	62/50
Amarillo	57/33	Little Rock	43/29
Anchorage	25/16	Louisville	29/20
Asheville	44/21	Miami	70/58
Baltimore	32/14	Milwaukee	27/21
Birmingham	51/29	Nashville	39/21
Bismarck	26/13	New York	29/15
Boise	44/29	Omaha	41/30
Boston	25/12	Orlando	65/47
Brownsville	73/54	Philadelphia	31/14
Buffalo	19/14	Phoenix	67/51
Burlington	14/3	Pittsburgh	23/8
Charleston, S	C 48/26	Portland, OR	50/36
Charlotte	45/20	Portland, ME	23/4
Cleveland	23/11	Salt Lake City	46/30
Columbus, Ol	H 26/12	St. Louis	41/29
Duluth	21/16	San Antonio	64/49
El Paso	58/38	San Diego	66/54
Hartford	24/10	San Juan	84/72
Helena	28/12	Tampa	65/46
Indianapolis	25/17	Tulsa	58/44
Jacksonville	56/36	Washington	35/19
Kansas City	52/38	Wichita	58/37



#### Wednesday, December 29 U.S. Extended Forecast Two storm systems will affect the

West Coast on Wednesday. One system will bring showers to Washington and Oregon with snow to the Cascades. A second storm system will bring rain to Southern California along with Nevada, Arizona and Utah. Snow will fall across the higher elevations and winds will gust over 30 mph in many places with gusts over 50 mph in the mountains. Breezy and mild from the Plains to Texas. High pressure will bring nice weather to the Southeast. A clipper will bring some flurries from Michigan to Maine The storm system in the Southwest will lift northeast on Thursday and bring rain and a few thunderstorms to the Midwest with snow in the colder air across the Dakotas and Minnesota. It will remain warm across the East Coast. Unsettled weather will continue in the West.

#### Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

## Wednesday's World Temperatures

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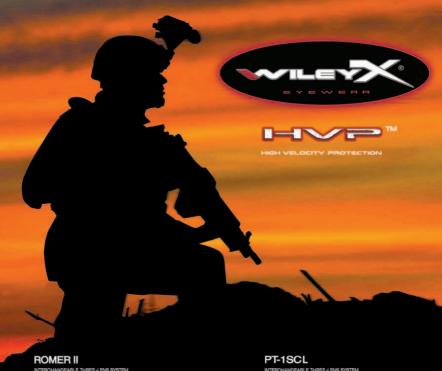
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# Bryant needs West's guidance once again

BY SAM SMITH Chicago Tribune

LOS ANGELES - For Kobe Bryant, the road back to the public's heart began Saturday in the loss to former teammate Shaqui-

lle O'Neal and the Heat. Bryant was good, though he

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took a few too many one-on-one onnortunities He was humble afterward, respectful of O'Neal and the Heat and hopeful his team

soon could play with them. He focused on seeking a bright future. And Phil Jackson, of all

people, believes that's possible. "Kobe is his own counsel lots of times," Jackson said before the Christmas Day game. "He needs to seek people outside to soften his approach. But at one time he was one of the fair-haired boys of the NBA, and people do want him to succeed. He can win that back He has to reach out and engender those feelings. He's got to solicit the friendship of the fan again to bring back those wishes he's had over the years. He can get that, but it's going to be a frustrating [process] for him."

And he needs Jerry West. Jackson didn't say that, but Bry-

ant does. And he could get West As Jackson suggested, one of Bryant's major problems is his stubbornness. It's also one of the traits that makes him a great player. He refuses to believe that he cannot succeed. He also refuses often to listen to others, which bedeviled Jackson and led to their estrangement

But one person in basketball Bryant always has admired and respected is West, now the Grizzlies general manager. West is probably the league's best executive. It was West who put together the deals to trade for Bryant and



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant (8) gestures as Miami Heat's Sh lle O'Neal (32) looks on Saturday. It might be possible for Bryant to win back fans under the guidance of former GM Jerry West.

sign O'Neal. It was West whom Bryant went to when he and O'Neal developed issues. Once West left, there was no one for Bryant to trust in the organization West should have been a Laker for life, but he and Jackson clashed, especially with Jackson earning millions of dollars a year

more than West. West went to Memphis for the big payday he never got. Now it's time to come home

Given the recent changes in Memphis. West clearly has lost influence amid talk around the NBA that he could leave. And one figures there are more changes to come for the Grizzlies, 12th in the Western Conference.

Perhaps even an ownership change? As one league executive put it: "It's hard to maintain enthusiasm for a losing team when you're an absentee owner.

Michael Heisley lives outside Chicago. This is his fifth year with the Grizzlies, and it could be a good time to get out. Tax rules limit depreciation after that. And

Perhaps it's a coincidence, but Hornets co-owner Ray Wooldridge sold his share to George Shinn. Wooldridge is from Memnhis and tried to hire current Grizzlies coach Mike Fratello when Shinn hired Tim Floyd. And no disrespect to Mitch Kupchak, but West's is a magic name in basket-

No one wants to play with Kobe? They'd play for Jerry West. Who has been better cobbling together winners after losing stars like Magic Johnson, James Worthy and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar? Who'd be better counsel for Bryant? The Lakers need West back. And West needs to get away from the Grizzlies.

Pair of aces or royal flush?: Could the next Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen be in Chicago Tuesday

"How much different were Scottie and M.J.?" Richard Jefferson asked while talking about his pairing with Vince Carter, who makes his Nets debut Monday and comes to play the Bulls on Tuesday. "If you look at what they did, they both were slashers, they both were shooters, how are they any different? Jordan had his fadeaways. Pippen used to post up and bring the ball up at the small forward spot."

That came in response to talk whether forwards Jefferson and Carter can play together. They aren't quite Jordan and Pippen, though they are spectacular players. They've got a real point guard and star in Jason Kidd. It puts Carter in the ideal spot for him - a secondary star.

Carter never wanted or sought the responsibility of being a star. He always seemed like he would eniov dunking in a closet. Carter truggled after fellow star Tracy McGrady left Toronto, It was McGrady who sought to leave, and it didn't work for either player.

"Tracy and I have talked about that: 'What if he stayed?' Carter said. "He says, 'Sometimes, I wish I stayed.' I say, 'I wish you did too.' But I try not to get caught in that because it drives you crazy

Of his new start with the Nets Carter says, "I sit in my room and try and put myself in different scenarios in how it can not work out [and] I can't do it. I can't imagine how other teams are going to [stop] it. Who you going to worry about more: Jason, R.J. or me?

"We got two guys who can play above the rim." Kidd noted with a word of caution, "We can definitely get out and fill the lanes. But first we have to get the ball.'

Van Gundy won't change: The Rockets (12-14) continue to be one of the league's major disap-pointments. Jeff Van Gundy's team doesn't seem to be any closer to harmony after being beaten by the expansion Bobcats twice in a five-day span. "You know what changed enough," Gundy said

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"I am who I am We're not going to sit there and get in a group hug today. We're not going

to sing Christmas carols." Said McGrady: "Right now, I on't think anybody respects us." When asked about Van Gundy's charge that the team lacks intensity, Maurice Taylor woke up long enough to say: "That's his opin

Paxson reunion possible: Will it become a management family affair in Chicago? There's talk in Cleveland that prospective new owner Dan Gilbert, a Detroit native, may want to model the team after the Pistons with someone like Bill Laimbeer in charge. General manager Jim Paxson has three years left on his contract but could be out if the Cavs (15-11) decline after the risky additions of Jeff McInnis and Drew Gooden. The Paxson brothers are close and John could add his brother if Jim is forced out.

Prescription for Owens: Grant Hill had some words of caution for Eagles receiver Terrell Owens: Watch your step. Owens is having ankle surgery in Baltimore with Dr. Mark Myerson, the same doctor who operated on Hill's ankle in 2000 and 2001. (Myerson) is putting it out there that he was the one who got Grant Hill back, and we all know that wasn't the case," Hill said. "I wasted my time with him."

Hill ultimately had a more involved procedure performed in 2003 by Dr. James Nunley at the Duke Medical Center in North Carolina. Nunley broke Hill's heel and realigned it with his lower leg. Hill, who has had screws and plates inserted in his ankle three different times, scoffed at Owens being able to return this season. The Magic will visit Chicago Saturday with Hill, the comeback story of the year. He is averaging 19.4 points and has missed just one game.

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NEW YORK (8) — Miguel Cairo, 2b; rony Clark, Ib; Travis Lee, Ib; Esteban Cuaiza, Ib; Travis Lee, Ib; Esteban Cuaiza, Ib; Lee Cairo, Ib; Lee Cairo, Ib; Lee Constanting Company, Ib; Lee OAKLAND (2) — Chris Hammond, Ihp; Jim Mecir, rhp; Mark McLemore, 2b. SEATTLE (1) — Edgar Martinez, db. SEATTLE (1) — Edgar Martinez, db. Cairo, Ib; Lee Cairo, Ib; Lee Cairo, Ib; Lee Tanabas, The Cairo, Ib; Lee Cairo, Ib; Rey Canabas, The Cairo, Ib; Lee Cairo, Ib; Lee Cairo, Ib; Rey Canabas, The Cairo, Ib; Lee Cairo, Ib; Lee

anchez, 2b. **TEXAS (8)** — Andy Fox, 3b; Brad Fullmer, Ih: Rusty Greer, of; Brian Jordan, of; Jeff Nelon; Rusky Greer, Or; Brian Jordan, or; Jeff Nei-son, rhp; Herbert Perry, dh; Jay Powell, rhp; Jeff Zimmerman, rhp. TORONTO (5) — Dave Berg, of; Valerio De Los Santos. Iho: Carlos Deloado. 1b: Pat Hent-

gen, rhp; a-Gregg Zaun, c. NATIONAL LEAGUE ARIZONA (6) — Carlos Baerga, 1b; Danny Bautista, of; Mike Fetters, rhp; Shane Rey nolds, rhp; Scott Service, rhp; Steve Sparks

ATLANTA (1) – a-Jaret Wright, rhp.
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ATLANTA (2) – Paul Bako, c; Tom Goodchicked (3) – Paul Bako, c; Tom Goodchicked (4) – Saren Brago, of Barry
Larkin, ss; Todd Van Poppel, rhp; Gabe

White, lhp.

COLORADO (3) — Jeromy Burnitz, of;
Shawn Estes, lhp; Steve Reed, rhp.
FLORIDA (4) — Chad Fox, rhp; Josias Manzanillo, rhp; Mike Mordecai, 3b; a-Ismael Val-

dez, rhp.

HOUSTON (3) — a-Carlos Beltran, of; Dan
Miceli, rhp; Darren Oliver, lhp.

LOS ANGELES (7) — Elmer Dessens, rhp;
Todd Hundley, c; a-Brent Mayne, c; Hidéo
Nomo, rhp; a-Odalis Perez, lhp; Paul Shuey,

Nomo, rhp; a-Odais Presca, rip., rhp; Robin Ventura, 1b.
MONTREAL (1) — Tony Batista, 3b.
MONTREAL (1) — Tony Batista, 3b.
NEW YORK (4) — Ricky Bottalico, rhp; John
Franco, lhp; Mo Yaughn, 1b; Todd Zelle, 1b.
PHILADELPHA (4) — a Doug Glarwille,
Doherto Hernandez, rhp; Kevin Millwood,

np. PITTSBURGH (1) — Brian Boehringer, rhp. ST. LOUIS (1) — Ray Lankford, of. SAN DIEGO (6) — Ray Lankford, of. SAN DIEGO (6) — Andy Ashby, rhp; Rich Au-ia, ss; Robert Fick, dh; Alex Gonzalez, ss; ave Hansen, 1b; Antonio Osuna, rhp. SAN FRANCISCO (2) — Dave Burba, rhp:

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#### Free-agent signings

NEW YORK - The 105 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associat-ed Press from player and management

Sources: Trom payers and management sources:

AMARIEMA CAMERICAN LEAGUE; Orl. Los Angeles, to a \$1.4 million, two-year contract; signed Steban Yan, rhp, Detroit, to a \$2.25 mhp, Atlanta, to a \$4.5 million, one-year contract; signed fraind ocaberra, \$8. shoston, to a \$4.5 million, one-year contract; signed fraind ocaberra, \$8. shoston, to a \$1.1 million, one-year contract; one of the signed \$1.5 million, one-year contract; one of the signed \$1.5 million, signed \$1.5 m

nune, np. St. Löuis, to a \$5.5 million two-year contract.

BOSTON (7) — Re-signed Doug Mirabelli, ct oa \$3 million, two-year contract; signed Matt Mantei, rhp, Arizona, to a \$75,000 one-year contract; signed bavid Wells, lip San Diego, to an \$8 million, two-year contract; signed John Halama, lip, Tampa Bay to a \$1 million, one-year contract; signed Segar Renteria, ss. St. Louis, to a \$40 million. one-year contract; signed David Wells, linp, San Diego, to an S8 million, two-year con-tract; signed John Halama, lip, Tampa Bay, to a S1 million, one-year contract; signed four-year contract; signed Matt Clement, rip, Chicago Cubs, to a \$25.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed Jason Vartek, c, to a \$40 million, four-year con-

CHICAGO (3) — Signed Dustin Hermanson hn. San Francisco, to a \$5.5 million nip, Jan Francisco, to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract; signed Jermaine Dye, of, Oakland, to a \$10.15 million, two-year con-tract; signed Orlando Hernandez, rhp, New York Yankees, to an \$8 million, two-year con-tract.

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CLEVELAND (2) — Re-signed Bob Wickman, rhp., to a \$2.75 million, one-year contract; signed Jose Hernandez, 2b, Los Angeles, to a \$1.8 million, one-year contract.

DETROIT (1) — Signed Troy Percival, rhp.
Anaheim, to a \$12 million, two-year con-

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KANSA CITY (2) — Re-signed Kevin Appi-er rhp. to a minor league contract or a contract of the contract of t

Brad Radke, rhp. tō an \$18 million, two-year contract; re-signed Terry Mulholland, lhp. to a minor league contract (\$750,000). WEW YORK (3) - Re-signed John Flaherty, c. to an \$800,000, one-year contract; signed rony Womack, 2b, St. Louje, to a \$4 million, for year and the signed Car beaun, chp. Florida, to a \$39.95 million, for year contract.

tract.

SEATILE (4) — Re-signed Dan Wilson, c, to a \$1.75 million, one-year contract signed Richie Sexson, 1b, Arzona, to a \$50 million, four-year contract, signed Adrian Beltre, 3b, Los Angeles, to a \$54 million, five-year contract; announced Ron Villione, lhp, accepted

tract sincounced Bon Villione, Ilho, accepted TTAAS (7). Resigned Doug Brocall, rho, to a \$1 million, one-year contract: signed Song Monary, L.C. Chicago, With E-Son, to a \$2 million, one-year contract: signed Song Alomary, L.C. Chicago, With E-Son, to a Manny Alexander, 2b, to a minor league contract (\$35,000; re-signed Ilhow Messin, ribo, signed Brichard Hidalgo, of, New York, Mets, or a signed Song College, and the signed Song College, and the signed Bard Bollacco, it to a Siz Bmillion, two-year con-league contract (\$650,000): re-signed David Delacco, it to a Siz Bmillion, two-year con-

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Craig Counsell, ss. Milwaukee, to a \$3.1 million, two-year contracted. Julion Franco, Ib.
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Ibp, to a \$4 million, two-year contract:
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million, one-year contract, re-signed Total
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a \$2.7 million, two-year contract Re-signed Todd Hollandsworth, of, to a one-year contract than the signed that the signed th

Todd Hollandsworth, of, to a one-year con-tract. INATI (5) — Re-signed Paul Wilson, to an \$8.2 million, two-year contract, two-year contract signed Kent Mercker, Inc., Chicago Cubs, to a \$2.6 million, two-year contract; signed Mercker, Inc., Chicago Cubs, to a \$2.6 million, two-year contract; signed Joe Randa, 3b, to a \$2.15 million, one-year contract; signed Fic Milton, Ihp., Philadelphia to a \$25.5 million, three-year contract. COLORADO (2) — Re-signed Todd Greene c. to a \$750,000, one-year contract: re-signed

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nillion, five-year contract. MILWAUKEE (1) — Signed Damian Miller, c, Dakland, to an \$8.75 million, three-year con-

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S, Minnesota, to a \$16.8 million, four-year
ontract; signed Vinny Castilla, 3b, Coloado, to a \$6.2 million, two-year contract;
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JAPANESE CENTRAL LEAGUE YOMIURI (1) — Signed Gabe Kapler, of Bos

# College basketball

#### Men's AP Top 25 fared

Week of Dec. 19-25
1. Illinois (11-0) beat Missouri 70-64.
2. Kansas (8-0) beat Wisconsin-Milw

73-62.
3. Oklahoma State (9-0) beat Northwestern Oklahoma 92-35.
4. North Carolina (9-1) beat Vermont 93-65.
5. Wake Forest (10-1) beat New Mexico 81-64.

1-64. 6. Duke (8-0) did not play. 7. Syracuse (11-1) beat Cornell 82-69; beat

to software (\*\*) Drest fastern Washing-14. Autora, 62: Deat Manhattan 105-75.

15. Texas (6-2) beat Centenary 97-52.

16. North Carolina State (9-1) beat 17. (1994) (199

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21. Mississippi State (11-2) beat Florida A&M 104-80: beat Jacksonville State 95-53. 22. Cincinnati (9-0) beat Jackson State 95-43; beat La Salle 84-63. 23. Michigan State (7-2) beat UCLA 76-64. 24. Maryland (7-2) beat American 82-61.

#### 25. Virg Women's AP Top 25 fared

Week of Dec. 19-25

1. LSU (11-0) beat UC Santa Barbara 72-52.

2. Stanford (8-1) lost to No. 9 Tennessee

70-47.
3. Duke (11-1) beat Ball State 81-31.
4. Texas (6-2) beat Texas-Arlington 69-24.
5. Baylor (9-1) did not play.
6. North Carolina (9-1) did not play.
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6. Connecticut (6-2) lost to Arizona State 61-50; beat Colorado State 63-44.
9. Tennessee (6-2) beat No. 2. Stanford

70-67. 10. Ohio State (11-1) beat No. 20 UCLA Michigan State (10-1) heat Vermont

88-57.

12. Texas Tech (7-2) beat Penn State 79-55.

13. Minnesota (9-2) beat Drake 74-57.

14. Boston Collego (8-1) defeated Saint Joseph's 65-41.

15. Georgia (9-3) beat Marist 79-62.

16. Vanderbilt (9-1) beat BYU 86-47; beat Pepperdiler 78
17. Maryland (8-1) beat Coppin State 83-51.

18. Iowá (10-0) beat Western Illinois 76-69.

DePaul (8-2) beat St. Peter's 86-61. UCLA (6-3) lost to No. 10 Ohio State 21. Purdue (6-3) did not play. 22. Houston (9-2) lost to Long Beach State

54-52. 23. Kansas State (6-2) did not play. 24. Rutgers (6-2) did not play. 25. Utah (8-3) lost to Oklahoma 72-54.

#### Hockey World Junior Championships

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Group B runner-up vs. Group A third-place

#### Deals

#### Weekend transactions BASEBALL

American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms
vith RHP Jose Lima on a one-year contract.

KANSAS CITY ROTALS
th RHP Jose Lima on a one-year contract.

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National Basketball Association
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Flores on the injured list. Activated G Derek Fisher from the injured list. LOS ANGELES CUPPERS—Signed G Kirk enney. NEW YORK KNICKS—Placed G Jamai Craw ford on the injured list. Activated G Jamison Brewer from the injured list. WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Placed G Laron Profit on the injured list. Activated G Steve Blake from the injured list.

Blake from the injured list.

FOOTBALL League

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Nick Saban coach and agreed to terms on a five-year contract.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Placed DT Norman Hand on injured reserve. Signed Ot. Morgan Pears from the practice squad.

TULSA—Announced the resignation on the phillips, men's basketball coach lamed Alvin Williamson men's interim basetball coach.

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# Nash has double-digit assists in 11th straight win

## Suns guard breaks Magic Johnson's record set in 1986-87 season

The Associated Press

PHOENIX - Steve Nash is fitting in perfectly with his new Phoenix teammates

Nash became the first NBA player to assist on 10 or more baskets in 11 consecutive victories, finishing with 13 in the Suns' 106-94 victory over Toronto on Sunday night. Nash broke the mark of 10 games, set twice by Magic Johnson in the 1986-87

"It is kind of embarrassing in a way," said Nash, who scored 18 points. "He's one of the greatest players ever to play the game, and to be mentioned with him is a big thrill and honor. But in no stretch am I Magic.'

Nash who left Dallas during the offsea son to sign with the Suns, had three assists and Amare Stoudemire scored six of his 33 points during a 12-0 fourth-quarter run after the Raptors had erased a 20-point

"We kind of took it easy for a couple of minutes," Stoudemire said. "We can't do that But we were able to close it out

The Suns have won 20 of their last 21 games to improve to 24-3.

After falling behind 59-39 early in the third, Toronto fought back with some help from its reserves. Jalen Rose, Lamond Murray and Matt Bonner had key baskets to help the Raptors tie it 80-80 with 8:38

"We always play hard when we get down 20," Toronto coach Sam Mitchell said. "You can't keep getting down 20 points. You've got to play like you're getting em barrassed to start the game. For whatever reason, we get down 20, our pride is challenged and we play hard.'

During the Suns' latest winning streak -

they won nine in a row earlier this season they have scored at least 100 points in every game, with Sun-

day's 106 points their lowest total during the stretch. The last time Phoenix won 11 straight was March 20-April 10, 1997. The 11 consecutive victories ties Miami for the longest streak this

Warriors 98, Kings 94: At Sacramento, Calif., Jason Richardson scored all 26 of his points in the second half to lead Golden

State past Sacramento. The Warriors snapped an 11-game los-

ing streak in Sacramento and won for only the second time in 22 games there, dating back to April 9, 1998. Troy Murphy had 19 points and 13 re-

bounds for the Warriors who had lost four of five games and are 3-10 on the road this

Cliff Robinson added 11 points and Speedy Claxton had 10 points and nine as-

Chris Webber scored 28 points for Sacramento, which experienced a horrible homestand by its standards, finishing 2-3. Peja Stojakovic had 18 points, Mike Bibby 14 and Doug Christie and Maurice Evans 13

The Kings scored seven straight points in the fourth quarter to cut a 10-point defi cit to 91-88, but Richardson responded with a long jumper and two free throws, putting Golden State ahead 95-89 with 22 seconds left.

Webber made two three-pointers in the final minute, the second one pulling the Kings within 97-94 with 8.1 seconds left. Richardson followed with a free throw with 7.1 seconds left and the Kings missed a three-pointer as time expired

Cavaliers 100. Hornets 91: At Cleveland, LeBron James had 22 points, 14 assists and nine rebounds for the Cavaliers. Drew Gooden had 18 points and 18 rehounds and Jeff McInnis added 16 points and 10 assists to help Cleveland improve to

Lee Nailon scored 18 points for New Or-

Sours 107, Celtics 90: At San Antonio Tony Parker scored a season-high 27 points and Tim Duncan had 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs. Ricky Davis led Boston with 21 points on

8-for-11 shooting.

Mavericks 102, Nuggets 88: At Denver. Dirk Nowitzki scored 23 of his 36 points in the second half to help Dallas rally past Denver.

Denver was without leading scorer Carmelo Anthony for the fourth straight game because of a sprained ankle. Andre Miller led the Nuggets with 18 points.

Rockets 96, Clippers 79: At Houston, Tracy McGrady and Jim Jackson each scored 21 points to help Houston win for the seventh time in 10 games.

Yao Ming had 20 points and 11 rebounds for his third straight double-double and team-high 11th of the season. Corey Maggette scored 23 points for the Clippers.

Timberwolves 109, Wizards 74: At Min neapolis, Wally Szczerbiak scored 23 points to lead Minnesota. Gilbert Arenas scored 21 points for Washington.

Bucks 99. Bulls 92: At Milwaukee. Michael Redd scored 20 of his season-high 39 points in the first quarter and the Bucks snapped a five-game losing streak. Ben Gordon had 19 points for Chicago.



Phoenix Suns guard Steve Nash, right, brings the ball up the floor as he is guarded by the Toronto Raptors' Lamond Murray in the second quarter Sunday in Phoenix. Nash had 13 assists, breaking Magic Johnson's record with 10 or more in 11 straight victories. The Suns won 106-94.

#### **NBA** scoreboard

Eastern Conference							
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	w	L	Pct	GB			
New York	14	13	.519	-			
Boston	12	14	.462	13			
Philadelphia	11		.440	2			
New Jersey	9	16	.360	4 5			
Toronto	10	19	.345	5			
Southe	ast Divis	ion					
Miami	22	7	.759	-			
Orlando		10	.600	5			
Washington	14	11	.560	6			
Charlotte	7	16	.304	12			
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Cleveland	16	11	.593	-			
Detroit	13	12	.520	2			
Indiana	12		.480	3			
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Milwaukee	7	16	.304	7			
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Dallas	18	10	.643	4			
Houston	13	14	.481	81/2			
Memphis	12	17	.414	101/2			
New Orleans	2	24	.077	19			
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Minnesota		10		4			
Portland	13		.520	61/2			
Denver	13	14	481	71/2			
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Detroit 98, Indiana 93
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Milwaukee 99, Chicago 92
San Antonio 107, Boston 90
Cleveland 100, New Orleans 91
Phoenix 106, Toronto 94
Minnesota 109, Washington 74
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Golden State 98, Sacrament
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Tuesday's games
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# Sunday

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#### Bucks 99. Bulls 92

CHICAGO — Davis 6-8 0-0 12, Deng 3-10 2-2 9, Curry 5-12 5-6 15, Duhon 1-4 1-1 3, Hin-rich 6-14 3-3 18, Chandler 2-6 0-0 4, Gordon 7-16 3-4 19, Platkowski 0-0 0-0 N, Ocioni 0-3 0-0 0, Harrington 5-5 2-2 12. Totals 35-78 16-18 92. MILWAUKEE — Mason 5-12 3-4 13, J.Smith 9-12 3-4 21, Gadzuric 0-0 0-0 0, Redd 15-27 8-8 39, M.Williams 1-6 1-2 3, Pachulia 4-10 3-3 11, Fizer 2-6 0-0 4, James 3-8 0-0 6, Gill 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 40-84 18-21 99.

Milwaukee 36 25 15 23—99 Three-Point Goals—Chicago 6-17 (Hinrich 3-6, Gordon 2-4, Deng 1-3, Nocioni 0-1, Duhon 0-3), Milwaukee 1-4 (Redd 1-3, Gill 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 43 (Chandler 8), Milwaukee 49 (J.Smith, Pa-chulia 9). Assists—Chicago 26 (Duhon 7), Mil-waukee 27 (James 8). Total fouls—Chicago

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CLEVELAND — James 7-16 8-9 22, Gooden 7-10 4-7 18, Ilgauskas 4-7 3-4 11, McInnis 5-12 3-5 16, Newble 3-6 2-2 8, Varejao 2-3 1-4 5, Snow 2-5 0-0 5, Harris 4-8 1-1 9, Traylor 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 37-73 22-32 100.

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Cleveland 28 25 20 27—100 Three-Point Goals—New Orleans 8-17 (Davis 4-7, Freije 2-5, Wesley 1-1, Dickau 1-4), Cleveland 4-8 (McInnis 3-5, Snow 1-1, James 0-1, Harris 0-1), Fouled out—None, Rebound-9-1, Harris 9-1), Foulied out—None, Rebourse S-New Orleans 55 (Freije 11), Cleveland 5; (Gooden 15), Assists—New Orleans 18 (Dick at 17), Cleveland 29 (James 14), Tota fouls—New Orleans 24, Cleveland 21, Techni-cals—New Orleans Defensive Three Second A-20,562 (20,562).

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#### T-wolves 109, Wizards 74

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11, 21.3, Areas p. 15-5.72, Brown 10-5.8
0-7, Fulffin 6-1 6-0.0, Blake 2-5-0.4, Walker 10-6.7, Brown 10-7, Brown 10

Assists—Washington 17 (Brown, Hughes 4) Minnesota 30 (Garnett 8), Total fouls—Wash ington 18, Minnesota sell, A=15,398 (19,006)

#### Rockets 96, Clippers 79

ROCKETS 39, Lippers 13
LA CUPPERS — Brand 5-11 1-4 11, Simmons 3-13-0-16, Kaman 2-3-0-4, Brunson 3-13-0-16, Kaman 2-3-0-4, Brunson 3-11-0-16, Kaman 2-3-0-4, Brunson 3-11-0-18, William 2-19-0-19-0-10-1-12, William 2-19-0-19-0-10-1-12, William 3-17-16-16-10-16, William 3-17-16-16-16, William 3-17-16-16-16, William 3-17-16-16-19-0, Sum 6-4-0-0, McGrady 3-17-4-16, Bruns 3-6-0-1-1, Taylor 6-9-0-12, Mutombo 2-2-0-4, Gaines 0-0-0-0

- Totals 3-77-6-15-19-86.

Three-Point Goals—LA. Dippers 1-6 (Mag-gette 1-2, Simmons 0-1, Brunson 0-1, Chalm-gette 1-2, Simmons 0-1, Brunson 0-1, Chalm-L-2, McGrady 1-2, Sura 0-2), Fouled out—Tay-lor. Rebounds—LA. Clippers 46 (Maggette 7), Houston 50 (Yao 11). Assists—LA. Clip-pers 23 (Maggette 8), Houston 25 (McGrady 9), Total fouls—LA. Clippers 16, Houston 19. 7), Total fouls—LA. Clippers 16, Houston 19. (Page 1-1), Total fouls—LA. Clippers 16, Houston 19. (Page 1-1), Total fouls—LA. Clippers 16, Houston 19. Houston 31 21 Three-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers ette 1-2, Simmons 0-1, Brunson 0-

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#### Mavericks 102, Nuggets 88

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5.07, Frey 4-9 2-11, Damels 5-10 2-2 12,
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1-3 p-2, Totals 4b-9 81 19-2 110 -2
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#### Warriors 98, Kings 94

GOLDEN STATE — Richardson 9:19 8-13 26, Murphy 8-12 2-19, Robbisson 5:10 0-011, To 2-10, Prophys 9-12 2-2 19, Robbisson 5:10 0-011, To 2-10, Prophys 9-12 0-2 6, Claston 4-11 2-2 10, Prophys 9-12 0-2, Forghe 4-0-9 0-1, To-9 0-10, To

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#### NFL scoreboard

American Conference								
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x-New England	13	2	ō	.867	416	253		
N.Y. Jets	10							
Buffalo	9	6	0	.600	371	255		
Miami	4	11	0	.267	252	324		
S	outh							
x-Indianapolis	12	3	0	.800	508	318		
Jacksonville		7		.533				
Houston	7	8	0	.467				
Tennessee		11	0	.267	320	420		
	iorth							
xy-Pittsburgh	14	1	0	.933	343	227		
Baltimore	8	7	0	.533	287	245		
Cincinnati		8	0					
Cleveland	3	12	0	.200	254	376		
	West							
x-San Diego	11	4	0	.733				
Denver	9	6	0	.600	348	290		
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Oakland	5	10	0	.333	314	429		

National Conference									
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N.Y. Giants	5 1	0	0	.333	275	323			
Washington		0	0	.333	219	247			
	South								
x-Atlanta	11			.733					
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	337	318			
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	327	387			
Tampa Bay		.0	0	.333	294	292			
	North								
x-Green Bay	9	6	0	.600	393	366			
Minnesota				.533					
Detroit	6	9	0	.400	277	326			
Chicago		.0	0	.333	217	300			
	West								
z-Seattle	8	7	0	.533	343	347			
St. Louis				.429					
Arizona				.333	272	315			
San Francisco	2 1	3	0	.133	252	431			
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y-clinched conference									
	z-clinched playoff spot								
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Friday's games
Green Bay 34, Minnesota 31
Saturday's games
Kansas City 31, Oakland 30
Denver 37, Tennessee 16
Sunday's games Detroit 19, Chicago 13 Indianapolis 34, San Diego 31, OT Pittsburgh 20, Baltimore 7 Houston 21, Jacksonville 0 New Orleans 26, Atlanta 13 Cincinnati 23, N.Y. Giants 22

Cincinnati 23, N.Y. Glants 22 Burffalo 41, San Francisco 7 New England 23, N.Y. Jets 7 Seattle 24, Articona 21 Dallas 13, Washington 10 Maini 10, Cleveland 7 Maini 10, Cleveland 7 Monday's game Philadelphia at St. Louis Detroit at Tempore Green Bay at Chicago N.Y. Jets at St. Louis Cleveland at Houston Maini 10, Cleveland 17 Maini 10, Detroit at Tempore Green Bay at Chicago N.Y. Jets at St. Louis Cleveland at Houston Minnesoha at Washington Minnesoha at Washington Pittsburgh at Buffalo New Orleans at Carolina San Francisco at New En Cincinnati at Philadelphia Atlanta at Seattle Tampa Bay at Arizona

Kansas City at San Diego Indianapolis at Denver Jacksonville at Oakland Dallas at N.Y. Giants **End Regular Season** Sunday

## Lions 19, Bears 13 Chicago 0 0 6 7–13 Detroit 3 13 0 3–19 Erist Quarter Det—FG Hanson 31, 3:06.

Second Quarter
Det-Jones 1 run (Hanson kick), 11:30.
Det – FG Hanson 39, 5:50.
Det-FG Hanson 34, :00.
Third Quarter
Chi-Briggs 38 interception return (pa
failed), 3:40.
Fourth Quarter
Det—EG Hanson 40, 11:29.

Chi—McKie 15 pass from Hutchinson (Edinger kick), 7:04. A=61,924.

First downs	16	17
Total Net Yards	229	314
Rushes-yards	25-124	32-158
Passing	105	156
Punt Returns	2-11	5-18
Kickoff Returns	3-51	3-87
Interceptions Ret.	1-38	
Comp-Att-Int	20-35-0	15-30-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-9	2-10
Punts	8-43.4	6-41.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-55	
Time of Possession	28:38	31:22
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#### Colts 34, Chargers 31 (OT)

San Diego Indianapolis 7 10 7 7 0-31 0 9 7 15 3-34 ndianapolis 0 9 7 15 3-34 First Quarter SD-Tomlinson 74 pass from Brees (Kaed-

ing kick), 448. Second Quarter
Ind—FG Vanderjagt 36, 14:18,
SD—FG Kaeding 50, 12:46.
SD—Parker 19 pass from Brees (Kaeding dck), 7:99. 7:09. \_EG Vanderlant 26. 4:33

Ind.—FG Vanderjagt 25, 4:33. Ind.—FG Vanderjagt 23, 1:48. SD.—Gates 4 Pair Quarter SD.—Gates 4 Pair Quarter (skc), 9:24. Ind.—Mungro 3 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt ikck), 6:11. Fourth Quarter SD.—Tomlinson 16 run (Kaeding kick), 1:455 SD—Tomlinson 14:55.

14:55. Ind-Rhodes 88 kickoff return (Vanderjagt kick), 14:42. Ind-Stokley 21 pass from Manning (James run), :56. Overtime Ind—FG Vanderjagt 30, 12:13. A—57,330.

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Passing-San Diego, Brees 21-31-1-290, Indianapolis,
Manining 77-44-1-338

Receiving—San Diego, Brees 21-31-1-290, Target 1-1-290, Target 1-1-290,

Steelers 20. Ravens 7

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Hou—D.Davis I run (K.Brown kick), 8:33.

Second Quarter

Hou—A.Johnson 10 pass from Carr
(K.Brown kick), 6:46.

Fouth Quarter

Hou—Peek 66 Tumble return (K.Brown

kick), 3:11. A-66.227.

A-66,272 | New June | Peter | Museum |

#### Saints 26, Falcons 13

Atlanta New Orleans lew Orleans 5 7 14 0-26 First Quarter NO-Safety, Bryant tackled Schaub in end NO-Safety, Bryant Tackled schaub in end zone, 6:00. Repair 22, :11 NO-FG Carmey 22, :11 NO-FG Carmey 25, :13:18. Atl-FG Feely 30, 9:40. NO-AaBrooks 110 (Carmey NO-Safallworth 130 pass from AaBrooks (Carmey kick), 1152. Atl-Dumn 16 run (Feely kick), 5:45. Atl-Dumn 16 run (Feely kick), 5:45.

A-64,900. A-64,000. All 100
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Bengals 23, Giants 22

N.Y. Giants 0 13 3 6–22 Cincinnati First Quarter
Cin—C. Johnson 5 pass from Kitna (Graham kick), 5:26.

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Second Quarter
W-Barber 1 nn (Christie kick), 12:49.
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#### Bills 41, 49ers 7

Buffalo San Francisco 0 17 10 14-41 0 0 0 7-7 San Francisco
Second Quarter
Buf—McGahee 3 run (Lindell kick), 11:19.
Buf—FG Lindell 23, 6:47.
Buf—Evans 8 pass from Bledsoe (Lindell kick), 25.

kick), 25. — Third Quarter
Buf—FG Lindell 31, 12:02.
Buf—McCairbourder
Fourth Quarter
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#### Patriots 23, Jets 7

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NE—FG Vinateri 28, 7:47.
NE—Graham 16 pass from Brady (Vinatieri kick), 1:50.
NE—FG Vinatieri 29, :07.

NE—FG Vinatleri 29, :07.

Third Quarter

NE—FG Vinatleri 26, :37.

Fourth Quarter

NE—Branch 6 pass from Brady (Vinatleri kick), 12:36, (kick), 12:36, (kick), 12:36, (kick), 12:36, (kick), 23:36, (kick), 9:32.

First downs First downs Total Net Yards Rushes-yards Passing Punt Returns Kickoff Returns Interceptions Ret. 372 279 38-114 18-46 258 233 Rushes-yards Passing Punt Returns 3-23 3-18 2-38 5-97 2-60 0-0 21-32-0 22-36-2 Comp-Att-Int Sacked-Yards Lost Punts Fumbles-Lost 1-6 3-19 4-36.8 5-31.4 2-1

Fumbles-Lost 2-0 3-5 3-2 Penalties-Varies 3-5 3-5 3-2 Penalties-Vari

## Seahawks 24, Cardinals 21

Arizona 7 0 0 14-21 Seattle 0 10 7 7-24

Seattle 1917 7-24
Arl-Boldin 31 pass from McCown (Rack-ers kick), 423
Second Quarter
Sea-Alexander 1 run (JBrown kick), 4:44.
Sea-Alexander 1 run (JBrown kick), 3:06.
Sea-Alexander 23 run (JBrown kick), 3:06.
Sea-Alexander 23 run (JBrown kick), 4:01.
8:01.

14:50.
Ari—Fitzgerald 29 pass from McCown (Rackers kick), 11:32.
Ari—Fitzgerald 29 pass from McCown (Rackers kick), 2:30.
A—65,825.

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Punt Returns
Kickoff Returns
Interceptions Ret.
Comp-Att-Int
Sacked-Yards Lost

Passing—Arizona, McCown 21-33-2-248. Se-attle, Dilfer 10-26-1-128. attle, Dilfer 10-26-1-128.

Receiving—Arizona, Boldin 7-107, Fitzgerald 4-70, B.Johnson 4-41, Ayanbadejo 4-34,
Jones 1-5, Scobey 1-(minus 9). Seattle, Jackson 6-101, Hannam 1-18, Engram 1-3, Morris
1-3, Stevens 1-3. on 6-101, Hannam 1-18, Engram 1-3, Moi 13 -3, Stevens 1-3. Missed field goal—Arizona, Rackers 52

#### Cowbovs 13. Redskins 10 Washington Dallas

First Quarter
Was—FG Chandler 25, 3:01.
Second Quarter
Dal—FG Cundiff 26, 9:51.
Dal—FG Cundiff 23 Yd, :00.

——re Cundiff 23 vd.1.

Was—Royal 5 pass from Ramsey (Chandler kick), 644.

Dal—Crayton 39 pass from Testaverde (Cundiff kick), 30.

A—63,705.

First downs 15 21 233 306 25-84 30-89 149 217 4-59 3-20 3-58 3-45 1-38 2-1 19-29-2 23-39-1 7-5-44.0 5-47.0 1-1 1-1 8-67 1-13 27-18 32-42 Total Net Yards Total Net Yards
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2-12.
Passing—Washington,
Ramsey
19-29-2-188. Dallas, Testaverde 23-39-1234.
Recelving—Washington, Coles 7-53, Gardner 5-31, Cooley 3-24, Jacobs 2-37, Kozlowski
1-8, Royal 1-5, Dallas, K.Johnson 9-84, Witten
6-50, Crayton 2-54, Barnes 2-22, J.Jones 2-10,
Randerson 1-7, Morgan 1-7.
Missed field goal—Washington, Chandler
57 (GH).

#### Panthers 37, Buccaneers 20

Carolina 7 10 7 13-37 7 0 7 6-20 Car—Muhammad 15 pass from Delhomme (Kasay kick), 7:19.
TB—Clayton 22 pass from Griese (Taylor kick), 1:48.

TB-Clayron Z pass non-clayron Z pass from Delhomme (Kasay kick), 138. Second Quarter Car—FG Kasay 26, 20. Third Quarter Car—Colbert 4 pass from Delhomme (Kasay kick), 406.

Car-Colbert 4 pass from Delhommer (Kasay kick), 95 pass from Griesetzing TB-Clayton 6 pass from Griesetzing Kick), 6225. Fourth Quarter Car-Seidman 2 pass from Griese (Dass Tara-Calloway 14 pass from Griese (pass Tara-Car-Moorehead 17 interception return (Kasay kick), 441. First downs

2-17 0-0 19-24-0 30-41-2 1-7 2-22 5-44.6 4-33.0 

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## Dolphins 10. Browns 7

Miami 7 0 0 3-10

First Quarter

Mia-D.Thompson 18 pass from Feeley
(Mare kick), 9:00.

Cle-Northcutt 58 pass from McCown
(P.Dawson kick), 7:32.

Fourth Quarter Mia—FG Mare 51, :07. A—73,169.

Cle Mia 14 19 First downs Total Net Yards Rushes-yards Passing 285 280 40-142 25-116 143 164 3-48 3-37 Punt Re Punt Returns 3-48 3.73 2-48 (1975) 2-48 (1

Milnor 6-30, C.Chambers 1-15, V.King 1-1.

Milnor Fassing—Cleveland, McCown 9-16-2-161.

Milnor, Feeley 25-43-0-176, Rosserfels 0-1-04,
Receiving—Cleveland, Northcutt 4-114, Bryant 2-15, Heiden 1-27, Suggs 14, Heinrich 1-1

D. Thompson 2-34, Milnor 2-4, Gilmore 1-13,
Milseef field goal—Cleveland, P.Dawson 43
(WR).



Miami Dolphins kicker Olindo Mare (10) and holder Matt Turk watch as Mare makes a 51-yard field goal during the closing seconds against the Cleveland Browns in Miami on Sunday. The Dolphins beat the Browns 10-7.

# Beltran, Steinbrenner chat; Milton to Reds

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - Carlos Beltran was impressed by George Steinbrenner after meeting with the New York Yankees owner earlier in the week, and told a newspaper in Puerto Rico that he would not be intimidated by playing in New York.

The free-agent All-Star center fielder who led the Houston As-tros within one victory of their first World Series berth, talked with Steinbren-

ner in Tampa. MLB Fla., on Tues notes

day. "The meeting with Steinbren ner was very

good," Beltran said in a story published in Friday's edition of Primera Hora newspaper.

"He is a professional person, super-educated. I've let them know my interest, and they have interest, too, about me joining their team

The Yankees — and Astros clearly will have some competition in the race for Beltran, who said the New York Mets, Detroit Tigers and Chicago Cubs have also shown interest.

"The Mets have been very aggressive," he said. "So far, they haven't made any offers. I think we'll have a meeting very soon to talk personally

No meeting with the Mets is Play the



scheduled, but one will probably take place the week of Jan. 3.

Beltran thinks he would be prepared to play in a high-profile baseball environment, such as New York

"In all the places, when you do something good, the people ap-plaud you. When you do something bad, they boo you," he said. "That happens in all the big league parks.'

The All-Star outfielder batted .417 in the NL championship series for the Astros with four home runs, five RBIs and four stolen bases after hitting 455 with four homers and nine RBIs in the division series. If Houston doesn't reach an agreement by Jan. 8, the Astros would be ineligible to re-sign him until May 1

#### Reds sign Eric Milton

CINCINNATI - Free agent Eric Milton and agreed to a \$25 and Cincinnati \$25.5 million, three-year deal Monday as the Reds kept revamping their pitch-

ing staff. Milton, 29, led Philadelphia in victories, starts and strikeouts last season, going 14-6 with a 4.75 ERA in 34 starts with 171 strike-

His contract calls for a \$4 million signing bonus, \$4 million in 2005, \$8.5 million in 2006 and \$9 million in 2007, matching the total value of Matt Clement's deal

with Boston. The signing gives the Reds a proven left-hander in a rotation that desperately needed one.

## **Orioles' Ponson detained**

ORANJESTAD, Aruba - Baltimore pitcher Sidney Ponson has been detained on suspicion of assaulting a judge at a beach on

Christmas, police said Sunday. Ponson, who was born Aruba, was expected to be arraigned Monday on assault and battery charges, police spokes-man Edwin Comenencia said.

Ponson's lawyer, Chris Lejuez, wasn't available for comment

On Saturday at a beach in Boca Catalina, several people confronted Ponson, accusing him of harassing them with his personal watercraft and operating it reck-

lessly, police said. The 28-year-old right-hander allegedly struck one of the men in the group several times, police said. The man was later identified as a judge. Comenencia said.

The judge was hospitalized but his condition was not known, au-thorities said. Ponson left the scene but police detained him late Saturday, police said. He was being held at a jail in the community of San Nicolas.

Ponson, 11-15 with a 5,30 ERA in 33 starts last season,was decorated in his homeland in 2003 as a Knight in the Order of the Dutch Royal House

#### Giants sign Moises Alou

SAN FRANCISCO - The San Francisco Giants finalized two-year contract with outfielder Moises Alou on Monday that reunites him with his father, manager Felipe Alou.

The deal is worth about \$13.25 million and includes a player option for the 2006 season. An agree ment was reached last week, but was pending until Alou passed a

physical. Alou gives the Giants another big bat to team with Barry Bonds in the middle of the lineup. Alou hit a career-high 39 homers for the Chicago Cubs last season and

drove in 106 runs.

play for the Giants, joining Felipe (1958-63) and uncles Jesus

(1963-68) and Matty (1960-65). Felipe and Moises are one of six father-son combinations in major league history that have

#### Three face luxury tax

been manager-player.

NEW YORK - The Boston Red Sox got an extra bill after winning the World Series, Boston and Anaheim must pay baseball's luxury tax along with the New York Yankees, according to final figures compiled by the commissioner's office.

The Yankees are required to pay \$25,026,352, according to a Dec. 21 memorandum that was sent to all major league teams. Boston owes \$3,155,234 for exceeding the payroll threshold of \$120.5 million and Anaheim got a bill for \$927.059.

Checks for the competitive-balance tax, as it is formally known, are due at the commissioner's office by Jan. 31.

#### Ex-Blue Jay Ault dies at 54

TORONTO - Doug Ault, who hit two home runs in the first game in Toronto Blue Jays history in 1977, has died at 54.

He died at his home in Tarpon Springs, Fla., a few miles from the Blue Jays' spring training quarters in Dunedin, the team said Monday. The club provided no further details about his death.







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# Texas plans to boost Brown's salary

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - With Texas preparing for its first Rose Bowl appearance, the university isworking up a new contract with a raise for coach Mack Brown.

"We like what we've got," Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds told the Associated Press on Monday. "He's done a wonderful job with the program

Dodds said details would be announced later in the week but Brown would get a raise on a salary that currently pays him slight-ly more than \$2 million per year.

#### Armstrong athlete of the year

AUSTIN, Texas - Already recognized as one of the truly inspiring athletes of his generation for comeback against cancer,

#### Sports briefs

Lance Armstrong took his cycling legacy a step further when he won a record-breaking sixth consecutive Tour de France in July. For his accomplishment, he

was selected Monday as The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year for the third straight year He and Michael Jordan (1991-93) are the only athletes selected three straight times since the honor was first awarded in 1931.

#### Miller, Rahlves 2-3

BORMIO, Italy -Overall World Cup leader Bode Miller and U.S. teammate Daron Rahlves finished second and third Monday during downhill training on a course that will host next nth's world championships.

Olympic gold medalist Fritz Strobl of Austria was fastest in the first training session for Wednesday's World Cup race, covering the 1.8-mile Stelvio lavout in 1 minute, 53.22 seconds. Miller was 1.19 seconds behind and Rahlves was 1.23 back.

#### **Ex-Pats TE Coates hired**

SALISBURY, N.C. \_ Ron Coates, a Pro Bowl tight end with the New England Patriots, has been hired as football coach at his alma mater, tiny Livingstone College in North Carolina.

Coates played in two Super Bowls, losing with the Patriots in 1996 and winning with Baltimore



# White was one of NFL's greatest

BY CLIFF CHRISTL Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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GREEN BAY Wis here is no higher honor in professional football than induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. But there has been a small pantheon of players in the 85-year history of the NFL that has transcended even that special company.

Reggie White was among them. He was one of the greatest of the great

White, who died Sunday at age 43, played 15 years in the NFL, including six with the Green Bay Packers, and finished his career with 198 sacks, now second on the career list. He was elected to a record 13 straight Pro Bowls. He was twice the NFL's defensive player of the year.

He was selected to the NFL's all-decade teams for the 1980s and 1990s. And he was one of three defensive ends named to the league's 75th anniversary team in 1994. six vears before he retired

White is all but a cinch to be inducted into the Hall of Fame when he becomes eligible a year from now, if not before if the selection committee decides to waive its five-year waiting period.

The other defe nsive ends honored with White on the 75th anniversary team were David "Deacon" Jones and Gino Marchetti.

Willie Davis, one of 12 defensive ends in the Hall of Fame, played during the same period as Jones and Marchetti. As one of the great Packers of the Vince Lombardi era and a current member of the franchise's board of directors, Davis also closely followed White's career.

Davis categorized Jones and Marchetti as great pass rushers. To this day, Davis said Marchetti was the best he had ever seen at that aspect of the game. But Davis said he probably would rank White as the most complete defensive end of them all

"Reggie could very well have been that one player," said Davis.

"His ability to play end with almost tackle skills and, ultimately getting outside and playing as a typical defensive end would play it today; when you take those two things and hook them together, Reggie could very well be the guy

Jones and Marchetti played before sacks were kept as an unofficial statistic. When White retired following the 2000 season, he held the record. Bruce Smith broke it last year, finishing his career with 200

Smith played four more years than White Jones, who played 14 seasons mostly with the Los Angeles Rams, said he'd rank himself

No. 1, but that White might be next on his list. "There are two ends on every team," said Jones. "We were the No. 1 and No. 2 choices

on the all-time team. But I would never say anybody who ever played the position was better than me. You could hold me to a fire and I'd never say that." After two seasons with the Memphis Showboats of the United State Football

League, White signed with the Philadelphia Eagles on Sept. 20, 1985. He played in only 13 games that season but had an instant impact. He registered 13 sacks and was named the NFC's defensive rookie of the year. In eight seasons with the Eagles

White totaled 124 sacks, an average of 151/2. In the strike-shortened 1987 season, he recorded a league-high 21 in 12 games

White played with the Pack ers from 1993-'98. He added

761/2 sacks to his total and was the cornerstone of a defense that ranked No. 1 in the league when the Packers won Super Bowl XXXI White finished his career with the Carolina Panthers in

Jim Hanifan, offensive line coach of the St. Louis Rams, is in his 31st season in the NFL. Included was a stint as line coach of the Washington Redskins' famed "Hogs," when White was playing for division rival Philadelphia.

No defensive end ever caused him more fits than White. Hanifan said.

"He was absolutely awesome," he said, "not only when he played defensive end, but when he was with Buddy [Ryan] and the Eagles, they'd line up with him over center. My gosh! We did everything we could think of to minimize the havoc he would cause. But he created that anyway. He could not only come off the edge with speed. But, oh my goodness, he came off with power.

In comparing White to other defensive ends over the past three decades. Hanifan made the same distinction as Davis when he compared White to the players of yesteryear. What separated White from the others was his ability to play the run and the pass.

"He was a very similar threat as Lawrence Taylor was at linebacker," Hanifan said. "The other guy I would put up in that top three would be Bruce Smith. But Bruce was going to go after that quarterback and you could run the ball there, at times. Reggie was solid, all the way around." A case could even be made that White was more than

just a great defensive end. Along with Taylor, he might also be on a short list of the greatest defensive players of the modern era.

'I'm going to use that Bum Phillips' line: I don't know if he's the best, but it wouldn't take time to call the roll," said Ron Wolf, who as general manager of the Packers brought White to Green Bay. "You're talking about defensive

write to Green Bay. "You're taiking about defensive greats who ever played the game. He's right up there.
"Deion Sanders revolutionized the game. Ted Hendricks. They were great players. But [White] would be in that group.

Against the run, White not only possessed the strength and leverage to hold the point of attack, but he also had the instincts and quickness to squeeze gaps, and the speed to chase plays down from the backside. His signature as a pass rusher was a combination of

what they call in the business club, rip or hump moves. Essentially, White would charge up-field, catch the tackle shifting his weight, and sweep him aside if not completely knock him off his feet.

"He was tremendous He had great strength. He had great speed," said Dale Haupt, a native of Manitowoc who served as White's defensive line coach for seven of his eight seasons in Philadelphia, "He'd set them up with [the club], fake with it, almost like a boxer. But he also could play off that: Fake the club and

Bob Oates, a writer for the Los Angeles Times and the only charter member remaining on the Hall of Fame selection committee, said that the five-year rule

had never been waived in the 41-year history of the voting.
Oates said that he expected some-

one on the committee to propose in the weeks ahead that an exception be made for White. In 1973, voters conducted a spe-

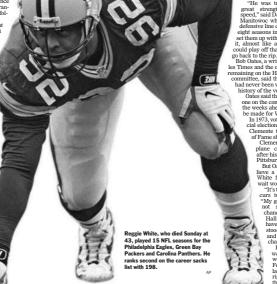
cial election and named Roberto Clemente to the Baseball Hall of Fame shortly after his death

Clemente was killed in a plane crash three months after his final season with the Pittsburgh Pirates But Oates said he didn't he-

lieve a proposal to exempt White from the customary wait would pass.

"It's the first thing that occurs to you," said Oates.
"My guess is that it would
not stand much of a chance. The rules the Hall of Fame people have put in have withstood many challenges and and they've changed anything. never

But Oates said he was certain that White would be elected in February, 2006, at the latest, and take his rightful place among the greats of the game.



#### Football's reaction to Reggie White's death:

"Reggie White was a gentle warrior who will be remembered as one of the greatest defensive players in NFL history. Equally as impressive as his achieve-ments on the field was the positive impact he made off the field and the way he served as a positive influence on so many young - NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

"He was just a wonderful player, first of all. Then, as a person, he was just the best. He was one of the leaders, along with Brett Favre, of our football team in Green Bay. I'm a better person for having been around Reggie White." — Seattle Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren, who coached White at Green Bay.

"He was one of the greatest players who ever put on a uniform at his position. I once referred to him as the Tony Dorsett of defensive linemen. There's never been a better one." -Johnny Majors, White's coach at

"Everyone thought the last place he would sign was Green Bay and it was monumental because not only did he sign but he recruited for Green Bay ... sent a message to the rest of the NFL that Green Bay was a great place to play." — Green Bay Pres-ident Bob Harlan. White was the first major black player to sign with the Packers as a free age

"At times, you would get a little frustrated with Reggie because he was always goofing around on the practice field. He goofed around all the time. He loved the game and rarely got serious. Now on Sundays, he'd get serious and he would have fun." — Tennes-see Titans coach Jeff Fisher, who was with White for five seasons

in Philadelphia.

# **Preliminary report: White likely died from lung ailment**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - NFL great Reggie White may have died because of a respiratory disease combined with other health problems, a preliminary autopsy report said Monday.

White most likely had a condition that affected the amount of air his lungs could hold, resulting in "fatal cardiac arrhythmia said Dr. Mike Sullivan, the medical examiner for Mecklenburg County and a forensic patholo-

The report issued by Sullivan's office also said sleep apnea may have been a factor.

The report is a preliminary

one; determining a final cause of death could take up to three months. Sullivan's office said.

White died Sunday at Presbyt rian Hospital in Huntersville after being taken there from his home in nearby Cornelius. His wife, Sara, called 911.

White had the disease, known as sarcoidosis, for several years, family spokesman Keith Johnson said Sunday. He described it as a respiratory ailment that affected his sleep.

On its Web site, the American Lung Association describes sarcoidosis as a disease characterized by the presence of small areas of inflamed cells that can attack any organ of the body but is most frequently found in the

The cause of the disease, which is most common among blacks and white northern Europeans, is not known

Sleep apnea causes people to stop breathing repeatedly — in some cases, hundreds of times during their sleep

The disease killed a man who had earned the respect of other NEL players both on and off the

"He may have been best player I've ever seen and certainly was the best I've ever played with or against," Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre said after White's death Sunday.

"Off the field, he did so much for so many people. He really reached a lot of people. ... He was a great friend on and off the field We'll all miss him."

The fearsome former defensive end with Philadelphia, Green Bay and Carolina was 43.

"It just seems so odd, so surresaid former Packers teammate Eugene Robinson, now a commentator for Carolina. "I'm still like 'I don't believe it' When I saw it flash on the television — 1961 to 2004 — I was just like. 'I'm not going to try to fight back any more tears. I'm just going to

Sara White said in a statement Sunday: "Today our beloved husaway. His family appreciates your thoughts and prayers as we mourn the loss of Reggie White. We want to thank you in advance for honoring our privacy.

A police officer was outside White's Tudor-style home in a gated community and would not let a reporter approach the house.

A two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year and ordained minister who was known as the "Minister of Defense." White played 15 seasons with Philadel phia, Green Bay and Carolina. He retired after the 2000 season as the NFL's career sacks leader

with 198. The mark has since been passed by Bruce Smith.

# Fresno St. upsets Virginia in overtime of MPC Bowl

BY TIM KORTE

The Associated Press BOISE, Idaho - Paul Pinegar

threw five touchdown passes, including the game-winning 25-yard throw to Stephen Spach in overtime, as Fresno State came back to beat No. 18 Virginia 37-34 in the MPC Computers Bowl on Monday

Pinegar was fabulous, completing 23 of 36 passes for 235 yards without an interception. He helped the Bulldogs (9-3) erase a 21-7 second-quarter deficit and notch another win against a big-name team. His five touchdown passes were a record for the game, formerly known as the Humanitarian Bowl.

Virginia got the first posses sion of overtime, taking a 34-31 lead on a 26-yard field goal by Connor Hughes

It didn't take Pinegar long to end it. He zipped a pass inside the 5 to Spach, who fought off a pair of would-be tacklers and dropped into the end zone. The line in celebration while the Cavaliers were left dazed.

Virginia (8-4) seemed to have things in hand after Wali Lundy followed his big blockers and rumbled across the blue turf at Boise State's home field on a 20-vard TD run that put the Cav-

aliers up 31-24 with 6:20 left. But Pinegar wasn't finished. He started on the 17, turning to the ground game to move Fres-

no State into position to tie it.

The Bulldogs worked the ball across midfield, then Wendell Mathis ran 22 yards to Virginia's 25 and Bryson Sumlin reached the 15 on a 6-yard burst for a first down that briefly stopped the clock with 1:26 to go. On third-and-6 at the 10, Pine-

gar threaded a 7-yard pass to tight end Duncan Reid, then spiked the ball to stop the clock On fourth down, Pinegar con-

nected with Jaron Fairman with 11 seconds on the clock.

Brent Vinsintainer added the PAT kick, and it was tied at 31.

# Panthers get within one win of playoffs after starting 1-7

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - The Carolina Panthers are one step closer to overcoming their horrendous

Jake Delhomme threw for 214 vards and four touchdowns Sunday, helping the defending NFC champions beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 37-20 and move with in a victory of clinching a playoff

The Panthers (7-8) won for the sixth time in seven games after opening 1-7, and they can earn a wild-card spot by beating New Orleans at home next Sunday.

The Saints, also 7-8, stayed in the race by beating Atlanta 26-13, a victory that eliminated Tampa Bay from contention earlier in

The Bucs (5-10) lost for the third straight time since routing the NFC South champion Falcons 27-0 in a game they hoped would be a springboard for a strong stretch run that would carry them to the playoffs after opening 0-4.

Instead, Tampa Bay is assured its worst finish since 1996. A loss at Arizona in the season finale would give the Bucs 11 defeats for the first time since 1993.

Seahawks 24, Cardinals 21: Seattle, Shaun Alexander rushed 30 times for 154 yards with three touchdowns and Darrell Jackson caught six passes for 101 yards as Seattle clinched a playoff berth.
The Seahawks (8-7) will clinch

roundup

the NFC West Philadelphia beats St. Louis on Monday night. It's the first time

Seattle has made the playoffs in consecutive years since 1983-84. Josh McCown threw a pair of 29-vard TD strikes to Larry Fitzgerald in the fourth quarter, pulling the Cardinals (5-10) to 24-21 with 2:30 to play. He also found Fitzgerald for a score with

Patriots 23. Jets 7: At East Rutherford, N.J., Tom Brady and New England dominated division rival New York to clinch a first-round bye in the playoffs. The Jets (10-5) must win their finale at St. Louis next week to be assured of making the AFC playoffs as a wild card

The Patriots (13-2), coming off an embarrassing 29-28 loss to the Miami Dolphins on Monday night, looked completely differ-

Brady threw two touchdown passes and went 21-for-32 for 264 yards after tying a career high with four interceptions against

Saints 26, Falcons 13: At New Orleans, Aaron Brooks scored on a fourth-down 1-yard run and Michael Lewis had a 96-yard kickoff return to keep the Saints (7-8) in playoff contention. Atlanta (11-4) rested Michael

Vick, who has a sore shoulder,

after clinching a first-round bye in the playoffs last week.

Bills 41. 49ers 7: At San Francisco. Willis McGahee rushed for 102 yards and two touchdowns on injured knee, Lee Evans caught two scoring passes and the Bills easily earned their sixth straight victory.

Drew Bledsoe went 21-for-32 for 172 yards and a touchdown for the Bills (9-6), whose longest winning streak since 1990 has them alive in their quest to be come just the second team in NFL history to make the playoffs after opening 0-4. Buffalo also clinched its first winning record since

Cowboys 13, Redskins 10: At Irving, Texas, Vinny Testaverde silenced the boos from fans who wanted him benched with a 39-yard touchdown to Patrick Crayton with 30 seconds left that gave the Dallas its fourth straight victory over Washington and 14th in 15 games

Dolphins 10, Browns 7: At Miami, Olindo Mare kicked a 51-yard field goal with 7 seconds left, and the Dolphins edged Cleveland, prompting a big cheer from the 20,000 fans who re-mained until the finish.

Jim Bates won in the matchur of interim coaches against Terry Robiskie. Bates improved to 3 since Dave Wannstedt resigned, but he'll be replaced after the sea-son by LSU coach Nick Saban. who accepted the Miami job Sat-

#### Manning: Colts QB keeps focused on team goals MANNING, FROM BACK PAGE When I get old, in my 50s or

He put the team's goal to win a championship at the top of his priority list when he reported for training camp and he's managed to keep it there, no matter how much the hype focused on his individual performances. Manning shares the credit every bit as de liberately as he shares the ball, having learned that the fastest way to improve on a 2-4 record in the playoffs is to have his teammates as prepared and motivated

And so it should have come as no surprise that Dominic Rhodes. the part-time running back who returned a kick 88 yards in the final quarter to make the comeback against the Chargers possible, said afterward, "As much as it's his, I feel like it's my record,

whatnot, I'll say I was on that team when he threw that touchdown. I was a part of everything he's done, and we've done. Rhodes said. "It's a special feeling. Even Manning couldn't deny

that much "It's an individual thing, but it

meant a lot to a lot of people. And that," he said, "means something But it will mean much more if

the Colts are still playing when February rolls around. "We are happy about the regu-

lar-season records," Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy said, staying on message. "But we are looking for the big prize once the playoffs start

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## Sunday's NFL stars:



#### Quarterbacks Peyton Manning, Colts, threw his 49th TD pass of the season to break Dan

Marino's 1984 record. Manning finished 27-for-44 for 383 yards and 2 TDs in the Colts' 34-31 overtime victory over the Running backs

me Arzona Caroniais.

Domanick Davis, Texans, rushed for a career-high 150 yards and a touch-lown as Houston crippled the Jackson-lile Jaguars' playoff hopes with a 21-0

#### Receivers

■ Joey Galloway, Buccaneers, had nine receptions for 98 yards and a touchdown in a 37-20 loss to the Carolina Panthers. It

as Galloway's sixth TD in the past four

games.

Brandon Stokley, Colts, caught Peyton Manning's record-breaking 49th 1D pass, one of his seven receptions for 123 yards and a TD. Stokley's TD also gave the Colts the first receiving trio (Stokley, Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne) with 10 TDs and 1,000 yards aplece in the same

season.

Antonio Gates, Chargers, caught his 13th TD pass of the season, an NFL record for a tight end, in the Chargers' 34-31 loss to the Indianapolis Colts.

■ The Houston Texans got their first shutout in franchise history in a 21-0 vic-tory over the Jacksonville Jaguars.

#### **Special Teams**

■ Keiwan Ratliff, Bengals, returned a unt 42 yards to set up Jon Kitna's 4-yard uuchdown pass to Chad Johnson with 4 seconds left as the Bengals railied for 23-22 victory over the New York Giants. a 23,22 victo

# **SPORTS**



Phoenix guard Nash sets record with at least 10 assists in 11th straight victory, Page 27

# **Looking to top Marino again**

Manning has season TD-pass mark but would prefer Super Bowl trophy

he big question won't be answered until the playoffs begin and even the NFL's biggest control freak is helpless to do anything thing about that at the moment.

But the record came exactly the way Peyton Manning wanted it — in the flow of a game, with the clock ticking down, and something left to play for. And by now, you're probably familiar, too, with a few of the details in what sounded like a harmonic convergence Sunday under the big top in Indianapolis.

How Colts owner Jim Irsay dispatched his private jet to pick up Manning's snowbound parents in Memphis and whisk them back to Indy in time to see the final 9 minutes of the game and overtime. And how Archie and Olivia Manning's middle son sidled over to wide receiver Brandon Stokley with a minute left in regulation, called a play the Colts had never used in a game, then called a dummy audible at the line to confuse the Chargers and almost everyone else in the building, and then threw the ball toward the end zone even before Stokley made his final cut at the 5.

"The ball was on me so quick. I'm just glad I was able to get my hands up," Stokley said. "I didn't have time to think about it.

"It would have been embarrass. ing, to turn around and get hit with it in the face."

The best thing from Manning's standpoint, however, wasn't the perfect timing, even though he conceded, "I was afraid I might have thrown it too early

No, the best part was that touchdown pass No. 49 of the season, the one that put Dan Marino in Manning's rearview mirror, came with the Colts still needing a 2-point conversion to force the extra period, putting off the celebrations until later. Those didn't commence until Manning had engineered a 61-vard drive in over-



goal that secured India-napolis' eighth straight victory and the No. 3 seed in the AFC for the think

Johnny Unitas would have been proud of

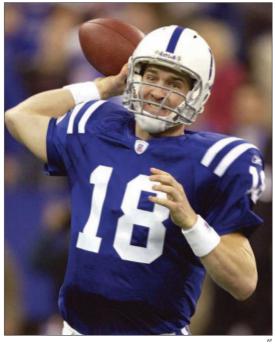
that drive," Manning said afterward which is as much celebrating as he allowed himself.

Just seven seasons into a ca reer, Manning's link to some of the greatest quarterbacks ever is already secure. By just about any measure, he's off to the best start of any passer in history. What remains to be seen, though, is whether Manning winds up linked with prolific quarterbacks like Marino or Hall of Famers Fran Tarkenton and Jim Kelly or consistent Super Bowl winners like Joe Montana

Championships are an unvielding measure in a team game like football, where even the quarterback can only do so much. Marino couldn't will himself a running game — ever — and John Elway had to wait until he was 37 for all the other pieces to fall into place.

Manning has been a staple on rotisserie league teams since he strolled into the league - he's having arguably the best season ever while pulling the strings for one of the most productive offenses ever. But as a student of the game. Manning knows that for all the glossy numbers Marino put up, his predecessor is still most remembered for never passing his team to a Super Bowl win. Maybe that's why, for all his impressive work in the pocket. Manning does just as much maneuvering in in-

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Indianapolis Colts guarterback Peyton Manning led his team to a 34-31 overtime victory over the San Diego Chargers and broke a record that many thought could not be broken. He's still on pace to shatter Steve Young's NFL record for season passer rating (112.8) next week in Denver.

White's legacy as one of NFL's greatest DEs. pass rushers sure to earn him posthumous trip to NFL Hall

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